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- Jesus (Matthew 6:26)

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A Continuing Move of the Spirit

On December 31, 2006, the Azusa East Celebration will begin. The night will begin an emphasis over four days to celebrate 100 years of Pentecost in North Carolina and the southeastern U.S.A. On December 31, 1906, Reverend G. B. Cashwell of Dunn, North Carolina, began a revival that would bring several holiness bodies into the Pentecostal ranks. He had been to the Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles and had there received his personal Pentecost.

This 100-year celebration will be held at the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium in Falcon. The North Carolina Conference is honored to host this joint effort of the Assemblies of God, Church of God, Church of God of Prophecy, International Pentecostal Holiness, Pentecostal Free Will Baptist, United Holy Church, and many independent Pentecostal groups. Special services will be held on Sunday night, Monday morning, Monday night, Tuesday morning, Tuesday night, Wednesday morning, and Wednesday night. On Monday afternoon a monument will be dedicated at Heritage Bible College, a wreath will be laid at Cashwell's grave, and a prayer will be offered at the original site.

Several special speakers will be speaking. Our own Presiding Bishop James Leggett will lead off the event on Sunday night. Reverend Billy Wilson, leader of the Azusa Street Celebration in Los Angeles, will close the event with a special youth service on Wednesday night. Other speakers include Harold Hunter, Charles Crabtree, William Lee, A. D. Beacham, Fred Fisher, Paul Walker, Herbert Carter and Mark Rutland. It will be a grand time in the Lord.

Our prayer focus will be for "the Lord to do it again," but with one exception. Our desire is that we will not leave this meeting as they did 100 years ago – to segregate and fragment. May we leave this meeting in unity and with a desire to work together to fulfill the will of the Lord in the 21st century.

As our churches enter this second century of Pentecost, may there be several commitments that we make as Pentecostals. This is true for individuals as well as the church.

There needs to be a recommitment to the Pentecostal, holiness, and evangelical theologies. Christians need to be Spirit-filled. Christians need to walk in holiness. Without holiness no man shall see the Lord! To be called Christian is to be an evangelical by spiritual definition.

During this last century of Pentecostalism, churches were planted, and the lost were converted. To obey Him is to reach those who do not know Him. The Pentecostal fullness of the Spirit is rooted in Acts 1:8. "You shall be my witness." Our focus should be the lost across the street to those around the world. May the Lord give us a renewed emphasis to evangelism and to church planting. Church planting is still the best avenue to win the lost.

During the last century, people were transformed into the likeness of Christ. Followers were discipled. New ministries were started. Worship attendance increased. The Word was taught.

These basics to Pentecostal Christianity must continue, and they must increase.

May the Lord bless that we reach all people. Yes, there are and will be cultural differences. Yet there is no reason that we cannot work together to reach His common goals. May the North Carolina Conference grow to reflect the ethnic makeup of the communities in which our churches function.

The North Carolina Conference has made great advances in this first century of Pentecost. Yet we have only just begun. There is much yet to accomplish. May the Lord baptize us with a new anointing of His Pentecostal fullness. May each member, each clergy, and each church move forward to do His will.

Lord, do it again!

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Where Does God Stand on the Issue of Life in the Womb?

One Saturday while I was traveling back from the store with my family, a nationally syndicated radio talk show caught our attention. The host tried to use the Bible to support pro-choice beliefs. Although I was firmly pro-life, this broadcast set me on a biblical search that solidified my beliefs. This was also a great way to prepare our family for working in Alternative to Abortion Ministries, an opportunity just around the corner.

The talk show host quoted Exodus 21:22: *"If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine."* From there, he went on to explain that the Bible is silent on life in the womb and that God's focus is on life outside the womb. The problem with that thinking is twofold: 1) the modern secular presupposition is that God is created in man's image; 2) some Bible translations interpret "her fruit depart" as miscarriage, thus supporting the modern secular presupposition. The truth is that man is created in Gods image, and miscarriage is the wrong translation of that verse, which clearly means that God does care about life in the womb!

The word that is translated by the KJV as "fruit depart" is the Hebrew verb *yatsah*, which means "to go, break forth, or go out." It is used 1,068 times in the Old Testament, and it never carries with it the connotation of death. The Hebrew words for miscarriage used in Scripture are *nephel*, which means "fallen," carries a connotation of death, and is usually translated by the KJV as "untimely death"; and the most common word for miscarriage, *shakol*. Incidentally, Moses used the word *shakol* in Exodus 23:25, 26, when he wrote, *"Ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. There shall nothing cast their young* [shakol], *nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfill."* It is safe to assume that if Moses had intended in Exodus 21:22 to imply a miscarriage, he would have said it here just as he did 70 verses later in Exodus 23:25.

Therefore, when we interpret correctly, we see that God is in every way interested in life in the womb and grants it the same protection under the Law of Moses as He did adults. If we read that verse again and follow it with the rest of text concerned with verse 22, we find, *"If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise."* In these verses, the "injury" is not specified as to mother or child; it is just an injury. The modern secularist would assume that injury refers only to the mother, but in context and proper Hebrew grammar, we find that "injury" is something that happens to the mother and/or the child once it is born. Even if the child is not killed but is maimed or deformed, then the child would get equal protections under the law.

It is clear to me that God cares about all life! He cares very deeply about life in the womb. His Word is right, and we today have a chance not only to respect the sanctity of human life, but also to stand in the gap for those precious little ones for whose destruction so many are fighting. God help us.

—Rev. Michael and Rev. Jennifer Oliver

Mrs. Cora Hudnell

On Saturday morning, November 25, 2006, I received details of the funeral of Sister Cora Hudnell. Her funeral was conducted at the Paul Funeral Home in Washington at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Roger Leggett officiated. It was a service of celebration. This was one very special lady. She left a legacy of honor and victorious life served for her master.

Cora Hudnell was a preacher and pastor's wife. Her husband, Reverend Walter M. Hudnell, was an effective pastor in the North Carolina Conference. He departed for heaven on November 30, 1988. Brother Hudnell was known as a masterful preacher and teacher of the Word. He constantly digested the Scriptures. He was a preacher in demand. Many heard and rejoiced over his Revelation series.

The Hudnells began pastoring at the Kenly church in 1942. They would continue pastoring until 1984. Brother Hudnell was superannuated with the conference at that time. Together they would pastor these churches – Kenly, Scotland Neck, Roper, Saint Pauls, Belhaven, Swanquarter – Wades Point, Farmville, Carson Memorial, Hodges Chapel, Robersonville, and Snow Hill. Brother Hudnell also served as an evangelist for four years.

The Hudnells had a large family. There were three sons – Leon, Otis Ray, and W. M., Jr. They had four daughters – Elizabeth, Judy, Rachel, and Thaila.

Here was a grand lady who was an excellent pastor's wife. She was not the kind of lady to be out front, but love God she did, and support her preacher husband she did. She was a woman of prayers. She also was a woman who valued all her commitments. Her word was her bond. May the Lord give us many more such women.

She will be missed, but our loss is heaven's gain!

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson
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Retired Ministers' Birthdays

January / February 2007

Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris ..... January 2

Rev. King White ..... January 11

Rev. Buck Parnell ..... January 16

Rev. Jimmy Swinson ..... January 18

Rev. Raleigh Horton ..... January 22

Rev. James McCandless..... January 22

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Rev. Frank Gentry..... February 18

Rev. Tim Henry..... February 26

Book Reviews

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Conversations With Jesus: The Spiritual Adventure of Connecting with God

by Calvin Miller. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers. 250 pages.

We could begin this review with a question like this: "If Jesus were alive today, what would He say directly to you right now?" Of course, that begs the question why something like that needed to be asked in the first place. Jesus lives today. His recorded words are not dead words, such as the words of Shakespeare, Longfellow, or William James. The inspired words of the Father spoken by the Lord Jesus were spirit and life. The Word of God can be used by the Spirit of God to produce life! In fact, the born-again of today are born because of two spiritual parents, the Word and the Holy Spirit.

In the last days, there is a growing hunger for the holy among the people of God. Communion in prayer and sacred reading make connecting with God possible. The earthly life of the Lord Jesus recorded in the four Gospels challenges us today as a holy and perfect example as the Lord Jesus speaks to our hearts through His living Word. We receive those words in varied ways in different situations. In *Conversations With Jesus*, we have 120 devotionals based on the Gospels written by the accomplished author Calvin Miller.

Although it may be troublesome for some, the approach Miller uses resembles the method of Thomas à Kempis: writing in the first person the words that Christ might possibly speak to the reader, based on the biblical text. The author immediately points out that he could not speak for Christ. He was very careful not to say something that Christ would never say. Few would dare this approach, but for years, I have personally enjoyed and reaped many spiritual benefits from the writings of Miller, and would trust him.

Great insight into the life and teachings of Christ fill the pages, and many facts worthy of one's study may be found as one reads the book for spiritual enrichment. For example, Miller stated, "Never over-cherish your traditions. Do not over-prize your church membership. Cherish rather the God of tomorrow. Keep your eyes on the will-be. It's the surest way to avoid becoming a has-been." On page 82, these words may be found: "There is a better recipe for feeling good about yourself. Love those you would like to judge. When you affirm others, a wonderful therapy also begins to heal your own critical spirit. Instead of seeing the faults of others, you begin to see your own. Your own belligerence finds grace. Love replaces censure."

At the close of each devotional is a personal prayer that you could pray back to the Lord Jesus. You do not have to pray the exact prayer, but the spiritual insight of those prayers may give aid and comfort to you as you pray.

God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions

by Rick Warren. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing. 197 pages.

Life comes at us sometimes really fast and hard, and often by surprise. The human predicament makes us aware of some difficult questions. Isn't it good to know that the Lord has the answers to life's difficult questions? The Bible is a great source, an infallible source of God's wisdom for the ages, and gives answers and insight that can change your outlook on life.

Warren, arguably the most influential spiritual leader of our day, tackles twelve difficult questions, including (1) How can I cope with stress? (2) How can I rebound from failure? (3) How can I defeat depression? (4) How can I live above average? (5) How can I have peace of mind? (6) How can I handle discouragement? (7) How can I overcome my problems? (8) How can I be confident in a crisis? (9) How can I ever change? (10) How did I get myself into this mess? (11) How can I overcome loneliness? and (12) Why is this happening to me?

By no means does the author offer a full explanation of how to deal with these issues, but enough Bible truth and wisdom generated from the lives of some Old and New Testament characters such as Moses, Elijah, Jehoshaphat, Samson, and Simon Peter are given to give the reader a solid footing and a sense of direction about where to go next. God does not want us to build our lives on petty rules, but around great Bible principles. Of course, a sound Christian background and heritage teaeh that when trouble comes, the altar is the place to go. There is no power quite like bended knees, tearful hearts and a Christ-captivated mind. Tears are a language all by themselves. God understands the heart. When His child prays, He listens. When His child hurts, He cares. When His child is struggling in a problem or in a pool of problems, He is ever present, eager and able to lead, comfort, strengthen, and overcome.

Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him." Genesis 12:1-4

Did you realize that you have been blessed to be a blessing? God has uniquely chosen to bless us for more reasons than we can imagine. One of the reasons He blesses us is so that we can then be a blessing to someone else.

As we enter this New Year, may I encourage you to take a good look at your life and *"count your many blessings; name them one by one,"* as the old song goes. If you have joy, give joy. If you have peace, give peace. If you have love, give love. You may be amazed at what you discover you have to offer someone who does not have even as much as you have.

We are looking forward to this New Year and the many doors of opportunity that the Lord is opening for Women's Ministries.

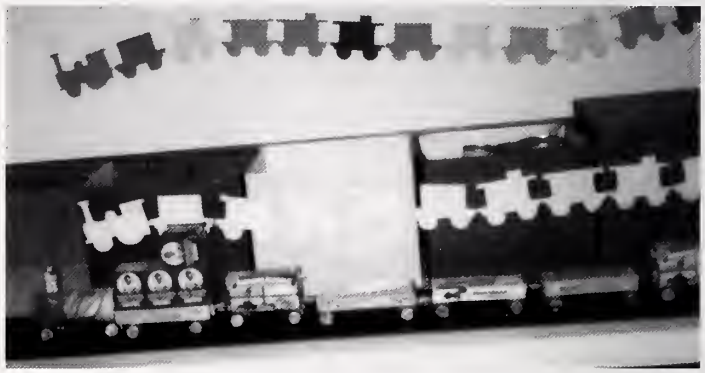
We will begin with our Leadership Seminar on January 27 at Kinston First PH Church. All WM leadership is encouraged to attend. The theme is *"All Aboard."* Make plans now to join us for this time of training.

Remember, *"Together we can make a difference."*

In His Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

HARVEST TRAIN GET ON BOARD!

In preparation for Harvest Train, the women of Midway PH Church enthusiastically accepted the challenge. The "Midway Express," made entirely of "sweets,," is a constant reminder of our responsibility to support Falcon Children's Home. Through various fund-raising efforts, including craft and bake sales, our ladies are "on track" to make this our best Harvest Train ever!



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- Before you seal a paint can, check to see how much paint remains. Then paint a line around the outside of the can to mark the level of paint inside.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The Heritage of Those That Fear Thy Name

Psalm 61:3-5 reads as follows: "For thou has been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah. For thou, O God, hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name."

We, as Pentecostal Holiness Christians, have so much to be thankful for. Our heritage is very strong, and our roots go deep. When I think of our history and how we developed as a church, I am reminded of the many people who sacrificed all that they had in this world, that the church might be established. Many of our forefathers and -mothers gave all that they had that the church might grow and put down roots.

Even today, when you go into a church, you find that the women are the ones who keep the church and its programs going. We owe much to all of these men and women who have established these bodies of worship.

At the time that you are reading this article, we will be in the beginning services of the Azusa East Celebration. My prayer is that you will not only remember the historical part of this celebration, but you will also feel the presence of the blessed Holy Spirit as you never have in your life. If you have ever felt His presence before, go with the warmth of His love and joy and peace. Pray for God to give you a hunger as you have never felt before.

We live in an exciting time, in that we can see God moving in many ways. We can see Him in all of His creation, in the circumstances of our lives, but also in the answers to the problems in our lives. Many times we may be overwhelmed with problems and things that confound us, but when we are overwhelmed with the precious presence of the Holy Spirit, we can have all of the faith that we need to go on to do whatever the Lord would have us to do.

My prayer for you is that in this coming New Year you will see God in a way that you never have before. My prayer is that He will be your shelter, strong tower, your tabernacle, your covering, and you will go on in faith, knowing that He is ever present in your life!

I was saved at the age of nine years, and I guess I have always talked to Jesus as some children would talk to an imaginary friend, but Jesus is there with me at all times. His precious Holy Spirit has always been there for me; whether I needed a Comforter, a Counselor, or a Friend to talk things over with, He is with me. I praise Him for His goodness to my family and me. May God draw you closer to His side.

"Did You Know...?

Did you know that Dr. Doug Beacham has written a book that will be released at the Azusa East Celebration on December 31, 2006 – January 3, 2007? The title of the book is *Azusa East: The Life and Times of G. B. Cashwell*. If you are interested in the history of the Azusa Street Revival, Rev. G. B. Cashwell and his life and influences, and the effects of the revival that Rev. Cashwell led when he came back from Los Angeles, this is an excellent resource.

The N.C. Conference Archives will have a sale table with the Falcon afghans, notecards, and prints for sale. Please come prepared to support your conference archives in this way. May God bless.

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A New Year

What does the phrase "a new year" mean to you? Does it mean that you have a whole new year to make things right in your life? Does the "new year" mean that it is just another series of months with days that God is giving you and that it will be just like last year with all of its ups and downs? By chance, could the words "a new year" mean that you have a burning excitement within your heart that God is going to be doing something this year that He has not done in the past?

Let's think about this for a few moments. God is a god of second chances, and we can be assured that whatever we do, God will lead us and help us to make better decisions than we have made in the past. Even though we may go for about a month and change some of our habits, and then all of a sudden we decide we are tired of depriving ourselves of things that are hard to do without, God still gives us another chance to do better.

God is a god of love, patience, and forgiveness. We as humans, so many times are not loving and forgiving, and our patience does wear thin at times. What does it take to be like God? I believe, our God is a god of love, and He wants us to love people as much as He does. That means that we are not to treat people any less than we would want to be treated. I've seen Christians try to take over when someone doesn't seem to know what he is doing, and to me, they don't show enough respect to that person or his position. I've seen people expect to be given a discount or have someone buy their meal because they are Christians. Where did we get these ideas?

What is respect? Respect is summed up in Romans 12:10 – "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." As children, most of us learned respect from our parents, and then our teachers would reinforce what was taught at home. There are so many dysfunctional families in the world today that we find ourselves trying to take up the slack in the lives of some of these precious young people. What does God require of us? I believe we are our brother's keeper, and God places us in people's lives to help them to know Him through us and by our love. If we fail in this regard, then we fail Him.

In this coming new year, let's think of it as such. God is giving us the opportunity to look to this year as an exciting time in Him. We cannot help but be excited about our life in Him, because when we serve Him with all of our hearts, He will reward us, use us, and keep us in His will. Let us ever seek Him for guidance every day and not be discouraged if things don't work out as we want them to. God has a plan for each of our lives, and we can be assured that He is in control of all that comes our way!

In thinking of the coming year, we cannot help but know that Christ can come today or tomorrow. We must be ever conscious of this fact not only for our own sakes, but for those we know who do not know Him! If there were ever a time when Jesus could come, it could be this year. For centuries, people have been saying that Jesus is coming and coming soon, but just imagine how much time we have to bring others to Him. Are your children ready? How about your brothers, sisters, or parents? Don't wait too late to tell them. Pray for an opportunity, and God will help you.

Our love and prayers are with you!

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Celebrating 58 golden years together.

Where Are They Now...?

James and Sudie McCandless

James McCandless came on the scene of our conference in 1948 after he had been gloriously saved at the Oak Street PH Church in Goldsboro. He had been married to Pauline for several years before giving his heart to the Lord. In time, God gave them 7 beautiful children. James accepted his call to preach and for 33 years he and his wife pastored 10 churches before their retirement in 1984. Some of this time he supplemented his earnings by contracutal building and teaching. After only a few months into their retirement, Pauline went to heaven. She had been a faithful partner in the faith. About 3 years later, he married Sudie Gardner, and they make their home in Goldsboro. They go to the First Church and are active in the Jolly Seniors Club, taking trips to various places. James and Sudie visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and James preaches at every opportunity. James always plants a big garden while Sudie enjoys looking after their home. James says, ***"We enjoy life... and retirement is great!"***

Billy and Rose Wooten

Billy and Rose Wooten make their home in Wilmington, NC, and attend the Gateway PH Church. To quote Billy, ***"We are busier than ever!"*** They were married in 1953, saved in 1958, called to preach in 1960, joined the conference and were assigned their first church in 1962. Since those early days their lives have been on a "fast track," and retirement has done very little to slow them down. They pastored 6 churches over their 38 years of pastoral ministry. From the beginning, Bill has been relentless in his pursuit of education which has qualified him to pastor some of our larger churches. They retired in 2000, but their ministry seems to have accelerated as God has opened many doors of opportunity to them. Besides teaching a Bible study on Wednesday night and conducting a regular Sunday morning service in a local Retirement Community *(which gives them an excellent opportunity to work directly with seniors),* Billy and Rose have gone through the required training and have become **Health Ministers**, which is no small feat. They enjoy seeing almost daily their 7 "almost perfect" grandchildren. Billy and Rose study nutrition, and as opportunity presents, they share with churches and individuals alike in worship type settings. Their personal goal is to stay healthy and balanced and live productive Christian lives.

It Was the Place to Be!

The Retired Ministers Annual Christmas Banquet

It was the largest Retired Ministers Christmas Banquet to date as 140 retired ministers, their spouses, and spouses of deceased ministers and friends gathered at the Conference Cafeteria/Training Center for food, fellowship, and a delightful program of worship and entertainment.

Bringing a unique Christmas devotional was Miss Rose Boyd, founder and director of **Operation Teaching Tools** (OTT), whose main office is now located here in Falcon. Miss Boyd underscored the fact that the value of a gift could not always be determined by its size or wrappings. She clearly explained that the value of the gift is exceeded only by the person who gave it. Thus, God gave his gift, His Son, to redeem mankind.

Our special guest for the second year was Miss Victoria Huggins, a young 13-years-old who recaptured our hearts again, as she sang to the joy and entertainment of our seniors. Victoria is not only a gifted, natural vocalist; she is a musician too. It is refreshing to see young people honor the Lord on the off stage by spreading the gospel. Her joy is contagious!

Each year the Christmas Banquet is a major highlight of the season for the retired ministered of our conference. For years Roland and Phyllis Harrell have furnished beautiful music, singing duets and solos, as well as leading in well known Christmas carols. Their contributions are always looked forward to and enjoyed by all. Our Conference Bishop, D. Chris Thompson, always takes center stage as he distributes a "bonus check" to all retired ministers who have participated in our well managed conference retirement program. The fellowship our seniors have with one another is outstanding. To sum it up, the Christmas banquet is **"the place to be"** at the Christmas season of the year.

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years	2	3	4 Hispanic Board Mtg.	5	6
Azusa Street East					School of Ministry	
7	8	9	10 Conference Day of Prayer	11	12	13 MWF Board Mtg.
				National Royal Ranger Council And Men's Summit		
14	15 *Conference Office Closed*	16 Conference Board Mtg.	17	18	19	20
					Hispanic INE	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Women's Ministries Leadership Seminar
				Fire and Ice—Gatlinburg, Tenn.		
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February 2007

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					School of Ministry	
4	5	6 Evangelism Board Mtg.	7 Hispanic Board Mtg.	8	9	10
				Minister and Spouse Retreat—Myrtle Beach		
11	12 Evangelism Rally	13 Conference Board Mtg. Evangelism Rally	14	15 Lady Minister's Advisory Council Evangelism Rally	16 District Talent: Greenville Williamston	17 District Talent: Fayetteville Wilson
18	19	20	21	22 District Talent: Morehead City New Bern	23 District Talent: Raleigh Rocky Mount	24 District Talent: Clinton Goldsboro Lumberton Wilmington
					Hispanic School of Ministry	
25	*26*	*27*	*28*			

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

March 2007

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				1	2	3
					Church Education Ministries Convention	
4	5	6	7 Hispanic Board Mtg.	8	9	10
					School of Ministry	
	Great Commission Meals					
11	12 Royal Rangers Conference & District Staff	13	14	15	16	17
					Women's Ministries Retreat	
	Great Commission Meals					
18	19	20 Conference Board Mtg.	21	22 New Ministers' Day	23	24 Conference Talent (Falcon)
						Archives Training
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Conference Talent (Falcon)
	Spring District Conferences					

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

April 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Palm Sunday	2	3 Model Church	4 Hispanic Board Mtg.	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter	9 Easter Monday	10	11	12	13	14 Ranger Of The Year
	Conference Board Retreat				School of Ministry	
15	16	17 Conference Board Mtg.	18	19	20	21 Royal Ranger Commanders Banquet
	Evangelism Appreciation Banquets				Missionette LTC (Falcon)	
22	23	24 Evangelism Board and Missions Day of Training	25 Admin Professional Day	26 Cross Cultural Committee	27	28
					Spring Round Up: Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilson	
					Lady Ministers Training	
29	30 Retired Ministers' Retreat Begins					

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	April 30 Retired Ministers' Retreat	1 Model Church	2 Hispanic Board Mtg.	3 License Examining Day	4 Ordination Examining Day	5 Women's Ministries Council (Falcon) Royal Ranger Kids Field Day
6	7	8 Archives Board Mtg.	9	10	11 School of Ministry	12 MWF Board Mtg
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Conference Board Mtg.	16	17 CEM Board Mtg.	18	19 Annual Conference
20	21	22	23	24	25 Hispanic INE	26
27	28 Memorial Day Conference Office Closed	29	30	31		

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Women's Ministries Convention (Falcon)
3	4	5 Model Church	6 Hispanic Board	7	8 Hispanic School of Ministry	9
10	11	12 Conference Board	13	14 High School Falcon Youth Camp	15	16
17 Father's Day Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	18	19	20	21 Royal Rangers JCE-JTT Alpha Falcon Youth Camp	22	23
24 Alpha Camp Ends	*25* Omega Falcon Youth Camp	*26*	*27*	*28*	*29* Hispanic Falcon Youth Camp	30

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Conference Office Closed	5	6	7
8	9	10 Model Church	11 Hispanic Board Mtg.	12 Conference Board Mtg.	13	14 MWF Board Mtg.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Fine Arts Festival—Greensboro			National Camporama - Greensboro		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
National Camporama Ends					Hispanic INE	
29	*30*	*31* Evangelism Board Mtg.				

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Board	2	3	4
5	6	7 CEM Board Mtg.	8	9	10	11 MWF Banquet
Falcon Camp Meeting						
12 Falcon Camp Meeting	13 Royal Ranger Conference & District Staff	14 Conference Board Mtg.	15	16	17	18
					School of Ministry	
				Piney Grove Camp Meeting		
19	20	21 Model Church	22	23	24	25
					Children's Ministry	
Piney Grove Camp Meeting						
26 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	27	28 SAC Supt. Advisory Council	29	30 Clinton District Conference	31	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Labor Day Conference Office Closed	4 New Bern District Conference	5 Hispanic Board Mtg.	6 Williamston District Conference	7 School of Ministry	8
9	10 Lumberton District Conference	11 Conference Board Mtg. Wilson District Conference	12 Hispanic District Conference South	13 Wilmington District Conference	14 Men's Ministries Retreat, Falcon	15
16	17 Rocky Mount District Conference	18 Raleigh District Conference	19	20 Morehead City District Conference	21 Royal Rangers Merritt Camp Hispanic School of Ministry	22
23	24 Greenville District Conference	25 Fayetteville District Conference	26 Hispanic District Conference North	27 Goldsboro District Conference	28 Fresh Fire	29
30						

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Model Church	3 Hispanic Board Mtg.	4 Feast of Ingathering Missions F.E.S.T.	5 FCF Family Trace	6
7	8	9	10	11 Conference Board Mtg.	12 School of Ministry	13 Archives Board Mtg.
14	15	16 National Boss Day	17	18 CEM Board Mtg.	19	20 Girl's Ministries Convention (Falcon)
21	22	23 Evangelism Board Mtg.	24	25	26 Royal Ranger LTA	27
28	*29*	*30*	*31*			

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

November 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 WIN Training
4	5	6 Missions Board Mtg.	7 Hispanic Board Mtg.	8 Cross Cultural Committee	9 School of Ministry	10
11	12	13 Conference Board Mtg.	14	15	16 FCF Fall Trace Hispanic INE	17
18	19	20 Harvest Train	21 Conference Office Closes at Noon	22 Thanksgiving Conference Office Closed	23 Conference Office Closed	24
25	26 District Christmas Parties	27	28	29	30 Hispanic Convention—Tabernacle	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Hispanic Convention
2	3 District Party	4 Conference All Boards	5 Hispanic Board Mtg. District Parties	6 Retired Ministers Luncheon	7 School of Ministry	8
9	10	11 Conference Board Mtg.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Conference Office Closed	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	*31*					

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New Beginnings

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is ***a new creature***: old things are passed away; behold, ***all things are become new***." –2 Cor. 5:17

A fresh start! Everyone speaks of a new beginning or a fresh start in 2007. We all like new things, like a new car, dress, position, friend, or even a new life.

God's Word speaks to us about new things. His Word declares, that when we became a believer "all things are become new." –2 Cor. 5:17

A new day, a fresh start, a spanking new life, and a brand new opportunity are what God gives us when we accept Christ. We understand that the power of the blood of Jesus gives us the grace to begin again. What you and I did wrong yesterday is forgiven, and today is a new day in Christ. What you and I failed in yesterday, or even last year, is forgotten and forgiven. Today is a new day in which we have an opportunity to do right, better and even greater. What's done in the past is past, and today is a new beginning in the Lord. You and I are forgiven and blessed. God has given us the favor of all things becoming new.

I believe this is the same way prayer works. Every day is a new day in which we must lift our voices to God in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. Every day is a new day in which we must read His Word and receive fresh new revelation in order to serve Him with power and anointing. Our instruction and direction from God must be received fresh and new every day. We don't need to go forth with old manna when God gives fresh new manna every day.

Intimacy with Christ guarantees a new life, a new beginning, and a fresh start every day of our lives. Our time in prayer is a must in order to function as healthy Christians. Our understanding of a new beginning or new day must be lived out each day in order to receive fully what God has for us personally and corporately.

"All things are become new..."

- A new beginning is no record of past sins.
- All is forgiven and forgotten.
- We have new opportunities to learn and grow.
- New ways of knowing God.
- A fresh start in ministry.
- New ideas and dreams.
- Meeting new people, making new friends.
- Receiving new strength and energy.
- Starting new projects.
- Obtaining new blessings.
- Anointed and appointed to new positions.
- New ways of preaching, praying, praising, giving, building, planting, and teaching.
- Fresh anointing.
- New grace every day.
- Starting your day in God's presence.
- Doing a new thing.
- A new and fresh move of God in your life, family, and church etc.

There are many scriptures that speak to us about the new things; here are some:

- "Sing unto him a new song." –Psa. 33:3
- "Hath but a new song in my mouth." –Psa. 40:3
- "Behold I will do a new thing." –Isa. 43:19
- "Thou shalt be called by a new name." –Isa. 62:2
- "I will put a new spirit within you." –Eze. 11:19
- "Make you a new heart and a new spirit." –Eze. 18:31
- "This is my blood of the new testament." –Matt. 26:28
- "Be in Christ, he is a new creature." –2 Cor. 5:17
- "That ye put on the new man." –Eph. 4:24

2007 is a new opportunity for new things to happen in your personal life and ministry.

"Partners in Ministry"

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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"First Things First"

1. GOD
2. Family
3. Church

I don't think many Christians have a problem believing this should be the order of priorities in our lives. God should always come first in our lives, no matter what. After all, if we don't put God first and serve Him with all of our heart, then we don't do our best job with the other two anyway, do we?

We know God should be first, so let's look at what kind of priority we are giving our families. Do we spend enough time with our families? If you are a young couple with small children, then your local recreation department is probably keeping your family on the go. But, really, how much time are we spending with our families? Cheering at the soccer and basketball games is great, but it's not much in the way of conversation. You know your child's stats, but do you know your child?

With the availability of TVs, computers, and Playstation® games, often when families are home "together," they are in the same house, but everyone is doing his or her own thing, generally in different rooms. When was the last time that you and your family sat in one room and actually talked to each other?

And it's not just families with small children; it is all families. Not many families spend quality time together any more. Not too long ago, it dawned on me that I hadn't seen or talked to my brother or sisters in several days. I always use the excuse that I am too busy; I just have so much going on that I don't have time to visit anyone.

But let's face it: we make time to do the things that keep us too busy, don't we? While it is easy to **say** what order our priorities are supposed to be in, it is **easy** to get them mixed up when it comes to daily life. God didn't intend for us to get so involved in things going on around us that we wouldn't have time to spend with those who are supposed to mean the most to us.

Our time on this earth is short, and we need to make the best of it. When we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, then we become heirs of Jesus Christ. As heirs of Christ, we have many brothers and sisters within the church. We become "family."

Our goal is to build the family of God together. God wants us to come together and worship Him as a "family." God wants us to love each other, even as He has loved us. God wants us to help our Christian brothers and sisters. And God wants us to reach out to sinners, telling them about Him and how they can be a part of His family!

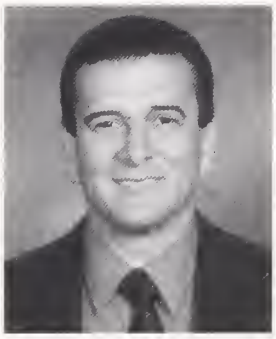
But for this to happen, we must keep "First Things First." We must check ourselves and see if our priorities are in order. And we must invest our time in what really matters, loving God and loving our families!

News Flash:

Each month, Men's Ministries will be sending teams to Mississippi to help rebuild homes. If you are interested in going, please contact Gordon Knox (252) 395-2000 or Ronnie Basden (252) 523-8380.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

September 14 and 15
Men's Advance
Special Guest: Rod Handley of Kansas City, MO



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Un Fin de Semana Glorioso

El 1 y 2 de diciembre pasado, en el nuevo auditorio de Falcon, el ministerio hispano de la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte, celebró su tercera convención Hispana de iglesias y pastores. **Fue un fin de semana glorioso!** La presencia de Dios fue tan poderosa, que hubo Palabra profética para nuestro ministerio; la unción del Señor vino sobre nuestros pastores y líderes en una manera especial. Hubo mucha gente siendo llamada al ministerio y respondiendo al llamado de Dios. Una nueva unción de compromiso con Dios y Su obra, vino sobre las iglesias hispanas de Santidad Pentecostal para los próximos cinco años. Una atmósfera de alabanza y adoración en la que pudimos reconocer y declarar la gloria y poder a nuestro único Dios. Una visión grande siendo puesta en nuestros corazones y nuestras manos, para alcanzar los propósitos y metas de Dios para los años por venir en Carolina del Norte, y aún más allá de nuestras fronteras. ***"Dios es bueno".*** Mira algunas de las fotos, de lo sucedido este fin de semana.

This past December 1 and 2 in the new auditorium in Falcon, the Hispanic Ministry of North Carolina Conference celebrated its third Hispanic convention of the churches and Hispanic leadership. It was a great weekend! The presence of God was so powerful that we had a prophetic word for our ministry. The Lord's anointing came down upon the pastors and leaders in a special way: a new anointing of commitment with God and His work, filling Hispanic churches of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for the next five years; an atmosphere of praise and worship, in which we declare and recognize that the praise and power belong to the only God; a great vision being put in our hearts and minds to reach out for the purposes and goals of God for the next years to come in North Carolina and beyond our boundaries. ***God is Good!*** Take a look of some of the pictures that show what we had this past weekend.

El ministerio de alabanza Kairos dirigido por Eduardo Gonzáles, y el coro del Instituto Canción, hicieron un tremendo trabajo guiándonos en la presencia de Dios en adoración y alabanza.

The music and praise ministry, Kairos, and the choir of Canción Institute, did a tremendous job by leading us into the presence of God in praise and worship.

Nuestro orador invitado el Dr. Alberto Rizzo, trajo una Palabra profética con la que Dios habló a nuestros líderes y a la iglesia.

Our guest speaker brought a prophetic Word, which God spoke to our leaders and the church.

Nuestro Obispo Chris Thompson estuvo con nosotros, para dirigir la palabra y para instalar, orar y presentar la nueva Junta de Liderazgo hispano.

Our Bishop was with us to speak a word and to install, pray, and present the new Hispanic Leadership Board.

En esta foto se muestra parte de la iglesia Hispana que estuvo presente. 506 personas el viernes y 660 el sábado. Gloria a Dios!

This picture shows part of the church that was present. 506 people on Friday and 660 on Saturday. Praise God!

Estamos Haciendo Historia en Nuestra Conferencia con el Ministerio Hispano

Por la gracia de Dios, por primera vez tuvimos nuestra primera reunión de negocios con el ministerio Hispano para elegir para los próximos cuatro años la nueva Junta de Liderazgo Hispano. El Obispo nos dirigió en nuestra reunión de una manera especial y el Señor guió a los 72 delegados y ministros para elegir un equipo de liderazgo de 7 personas que trabajarán con el supervisor y asistente del obispo el Dr. Luis Avila.

Felicitaciones a los hermanos que fueron elegidos para el siguiente período:
Fernando Angulo y Alfredo Vargas por cuatro años
Abraham Rodríguez y Luis Gonzáles por tres años
Carmen Vieira y José Serrano por dos años
Maynor García por un año

Juntos daremos el fruto de gloriosos resultados a nuestro Dios.

We Are Making History in the Conference With Our Hispanic Ministry

By the grace of God, we have had our first business meeting with the Hispanic Ministry to elect for the next four years the new Hispanic Leadership Board. The Bishop led us in a special way, and the Lord guided the 72 delegates and ministers to elect a great leadership team of seven people who will work with the supervisor and assistant to the Bishop, Dr. Luis Avila.

Congratulations to the brethren who were elected for the next period:
Fernando Angulo and Alfredo Vargas for four years
Abraham Rodríguez and Luis Gonzáles for three years
Carmen Vieira and José Serrano for two years
Maynor García for one year

Together we will give the precious fruits of the glorious results to our God.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Goals for 2007

As we praise God for 2006 and all that He has accomplished through the North Carolina Conference, we are fully aware that we cannot rest on our laurels and fail to press on into a new year with focus and direction.

Focused, powerful, and challenging were the words of our Lord when He said to us in John 4:35:

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! Do you think the work of harvesting will not begin until the summer ends four months from now? Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest." (NBT)

It's time to lift up our eyes and look at the fields (harvest)!

There are several challenges/goals for 2007 that I want to mention. Yet the chief priority and challenge is that all across the North Carolina Conference there be a revival of *prayer*. We have many "programs," "ministry tools," "resources," "functions," etc. in place to train and prepare us to do the nuts and bolts of ministry. And yet, if our prayer ministry is weak or anemic, our labors will be in vain. We must have powerful, prevailing, persistent prayer in our churches. *Let us not become so "efficient" in programming that Jesus no longer fits into our agenda.* I am praying that the priority of each congregation be a renewed commitment to prayer.

Our goals for 2007 are:

MISSIONS:

⇨Every church *actively* participating in Missions on a monthly basis, and every church with a local Missions director with regular monthly access to the congregation.

⇨Every church participating in Global Outreach!

⇨Global Outreach Goal——$310,000

⇨People to People Goal——$180,000

⇨Total Missions Giving——$1,420,000

⇨Evangelism Goal——$100,000

Total——$1,700,000

EVANGELISM:

⇨That the "Churches Mothering Churches" concept will catch on in our congregations.

⇨That we plant at least 15 new churches!

⇨That each church pray for, properly train for, and focus on going to the "next level."

2007 is filled with potential and possibilities, and the resources are endless! Remember, all that you do is ***investing in eternity!***

2007 UPCOMING EVENTS

2007 GREAT COMMISSION MEALS—GLOBAL OUTREACH KICKOFF

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Our World Missions Ministries Overseas Ministry Coordinators (OMCs):

- *Russell Board (Asia)*
- *Dan Clowers (Central/South America)*
- *Ernest Turner (Africa)*
- *Bob Cave (Europe)*

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	March 5th	12:00pm	Ernie's Restaurant *Dunn*
Monday	March 5th	6:30pm	Wilson 1st PH *Wilson*
Tuesday	March 6th	6:30pm	Pike's Crossroads PH *Pikeville*
Wednesday	March 7th	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	Greater Mt. Paran Assembly PH *Wilson*
Thursday	March 8th	6:30pm	The Capital PH *Garner*
Friday	March 9th	6:30pm	Mt. Carmel PH *Fayetteville*
Saturday	March 10th	6:30pm	St. Paul PH *Greenville*

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	March 12th	12:00 pm	Williamston First PH *Williamston*
Monday	March 12th	6:30pm	Wallace PH *Wallace*
Tuesday	March 13th	6:30pm	Living Faith Fellowship PH *Rocky Mount*
Wednesday	March 14th	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	Cafeteria/Training Center *Falcon*
Thursday	March 15th	6:30pm	Elizabethtown PH *Elizabethtown*
Friday	March 16th	6:30pm	Maranatha PH *Beaufort*
Saturday	March 17th	6:30pm	New Covenant PH *New Bern*

2007 MODEL CHURCH STRATEGY SESSIONS

This year's **Model Church Strategy (MCS)** Sessions will be divided into six segments of two districts each. The first meetings (April-June) will be conducted at one location within the segment, and the last three meetings (July-October) will be conducted at another location within the segment. The fee will be $150 per church for ALL the training. Churches will need to pre-register. Churches are encouraged to attend the MCS training at the nearest location(s), not necessarily in their geographic zone. *I encourage all pastors, associate pastors, ministers, and church leadership members to sign up and attend all six of the training sessions.* More information and registration opportunities will be given after the first of the year, but please take note of the following schedule, locations and instructors:

	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
LUMBERTON & WILMINGTON DISTRICT MCS				
Lumberton District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Wilmington First PH	Phillip Bland
Wilmington District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Elizabethtown PH	Ray Faircloth
NEW BERN & MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT MCS				
New Bern District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	New Covenant PH, New Bern	Tom Johnston
Morehead City District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Smryna PH, Smyrna	Jonathan Griffin
CLINTON & FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MCS				
Clinton District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Clinton 1st PH	Jeff Bartlett
Fayetteville District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Mount Carmel PH, Fayetteville	Ashley Smith
GOLDSBORO & WILSON DISTRICT MCS				
Goldsboro District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Belfast PH, Goldsboro	Doug Bartlett
Wilson District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Wilson First PH	Vance Harrell
ROCKY MOUNT & RALEIGH DISTRICT MCS				
Rocky Mount District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Ebenezer PH, Nashville	Vernon Potter
Raleigh District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Hope PH, Clayton	Luke Long
GREENVILLE & WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT MCS				
Greenville District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Grimesland PH	Allen Mayo
Williamston District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Williamston 1st PH	Paul Edwards

The **Hispanic MCS Sessions will also be held monthly for six months. Their dates will be the Monday before each of the English locations: (April 2; April 30; June 4; July 9; August 20; Oct. 1). Locations: TBA / Instructors: Fernando Angulo and Luis Avila

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Discipleship Matters in 2007

As we begin a new year, we need to remember Discipleship Matters! This article by Rebecca Livermore really spoke to me and has given me a new direction in dealing with a few tough disciples!

Are you discipling a demanding person – someone who leaves you feeling perpetually frustrated? Haggai 1:6 provides an accurate description of a demanding disciple: unproductive, ungrateful, hard to please, never satisfied, and self-indulgent. No matter how much you pour into a demanding disciple, chances are it will never be enough.

Should you give up on such a person? Not necessarily! But you will need to tackle the root of selfishness that is often at the heart of demanding behavior.

One way to attack selfishness is to teach, model, and practice its opposite: servanthood. Philippians 2:4 exhorts us to "look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

You can apply this to your demanding disciple by providing him with natural opportunities for service. The next time you have a major project to do at home, ask him to come over and give you a hand with it. Suggest acts of service you can do together: preparing food in a soup kitchen, helping a neighbor move, or doing yard work for an elderly person.

If Scripture memory is part of your discipleship program, learn together several verses that emphasize the importance of giving and putting others first. Choose from among the following:

Mt. 5:16
Mt. 25:40
Acts 20:35
Rom. 12:10
1 Cor. 10:24
2 Cor. 9:6, 7
Gal. 5:13
Gal. 6:10
Phil. 2:4
1 Pet. 4:9

Explore the Scriptures together for examples of the consequences of selfishness (Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5, Achan in Joshua 7, Haman in the book of Esther) and the blessings of generosity (Dorcas in Acts 9:36–41, the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31, the good Samaritan in Lk. 10:30–37).

It is also critical that you clearly communicate boundaries. Many demanding people are that way because no one has told them it is inappropriate behavior. Let the person you are discipling know where you draw the line.

There is no quick cure for a demanding disciple, but as you communicate boundaries, model servanthood, give him opportunities to practice serving, and pray for Christ to transform him, you may be glad you didn't give up.

2007 Talent Quest

The primary focus of the National Talent Quest ministry is to give our youth the opportunity to discover, develop, and deploy their God-given talents and acquired skills for active ministry in fulfilling the Great Commission and thus glorifying God. Registration forms can be obtained by calling the CEM office at (910) 980-1162. ***All registration forms must be postmarked by Thursday, February 1, 2007.*** Registration fee is $15.00 per individual category and $25 per group category. 2007 Guidelines may be found at http://yq.iphc.org/tquest.html.

Juniors and Teens themes are:

- Short Sermon & Video: "Who's Your Daddy?"
- Creative Writing: "Seeing Your World with 20/20 Vision"
- Art: No theme

Dates to remember:

- Thursday, February 1, 2007 – Registration deadline
- Friday, February 16, 2007– Greenville/Williamston at Greenville First PHC, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 17, 2007 – Fayetteville/Wilson at Tabernacle in Falcon, 9 a.m.
- Thursday, February 22, 2007 – Morehead/New Bern at Holly Hill, 7 p.m.
- Friday, February 23, 2007 – Raleigh/Rocky Mount at Grace Church, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 24, 2007 – Clinton/Goldsboro at Clinton First PHC, 9 a.m.
- Saturday, February 24, 2007 – Lumberton/Wilmington at Chadbourn PHC, 9 a.m.
  Conference Finals (located at the Tabernacle in Falcon):
- Saturday, March 24, 2007 – Drama, Creative Arts, Video, and Writing
- Saturday, March 31, 2007 – Music (including Rap)

Mark Your Calendars: CEM Convention March 2-3, 2007!

See our website at www.nccem.net for more information!

Happy New Year!

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"Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame."

-Song of Solomon 8:6

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

A Short Review of 2006

2006 will, I believe, go into the record books of the conference as a miraculous year. It was a year of great challenges, but it was a year of great blessings. I have noticed in reading the New Testament that when our Lord had His greatest challenges, He performed His greatest miracles. (Please read Matthew 9, a chapter of testimonial blessings, but also a chapter of great opposition.)

During the year, the staff, board, and I prepared for Quadrennial Conference and prepared for Azusa East. In addition we carried on our regular activities. Allow me to mention some of those regular activities. I will present some of the facts of the conference later when all the records are in.

Preached and/or Taught	161 times
Placed 35 New Pastors	
Conference Board Meetings	13
Church Board Meetings	48
Church Business Meetings	45
Secretary/Treasurer Workshops	3
MPM Meetings	14
District Conferences	21
General Executive Board	5
General Board of Administration	2
Chairman Falcon Children's Home	2 full board meetings 4 executive board meetings
Holmes Trustee Meetings	4
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Departmental Boards	24
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Structure Task Force Meetings	2
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School of Ministry	Taught 2 classes
Azusa Street East Celebration in California	
Retired Ministers Retreat	
Falcon Camp Meeting	
Piney Grove Camp Meeting	
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Examination Days – Licensed & Ordained	
Preached 1 Full Revival, Several One day Revivals, Many Church Dedications, Baby Dedications, etc.	
Primetimers Trip	

It has been a joy to serve the North Carolina Conference as superintendent/bishop. Betty and I feel we are in the Lord's will. We put forth our best effort. It is such a joy to serve with such talented leaders as the North Carolina Conference board and department leaders. Our staff are the very best anywhere. May the Lord continue to bless.

God bless,
D. Chris Thompson
Bishop, North Carolina Conference of the IPHC

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Azusa Street East

A Continuing Move of the Spirit

The above title reflected the desires of the steering committee as we approached the Azusa Street East Centennial Celebration, December 31-January 3. The title became a reality. The Lord moved in a powerful way.

Over 6,500 were in attendance in the celebration. Each speaker was mightily used of the Lord. Our own Presiding Bishop James Leggett led off the celebration. He emphasized that the "fire" is still burning. In the altar service several were baptized in the Holy Spirit. The J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle was full.

Throughout the event, several words and quotes came to us:

"Our success must be spiritual."

"The farther we look back, the farther we will look ahead."

"Your reaction to your Father will determine your destiny. Your reaction to your spiritual son will determine your legacy."

"You have lost your joy. Remember, the joy of the Lord is your strength. But I am in your midst to return your joy!"

"You shall see my glory, because of your obedience. I am glad to pour out my glory upon my people. I have heard your cry. I am ready to answer your prayer!"

It is impossible to list all the miracles done in the meeting. It was a miracle to get all the Pentecostal denominations under one roof. At least 50 received their Pentecostal baptism. Some were even baptized at the original site. In the last service the speaker, Rev. Billy Wilson, gave an altar call for those under 30 who felt a call to preach to come forward. Over 50 young people stepped forward. Another 50-plus came forward for more power in their lives. The prayers and anointings continued until after 11:00 p.m.

I must say I am thrilled about the Azusa Street East meeting. God moved! I am also very thrilled at the hard work of all our staff. They were great.

May the Spirit Continue to Move!

Evangelism Explosion

Pastor John Hedgepeth, Northwood Temple, Fayetteville, NC, is hosting an Evangelism Explosion Clinic for pastors and laypersons. Dates for the clinic are Monday through Friday, 23-27 April 2007. Cost is $395 per person. If three go from the same church, cost is $360 per person. This covers cost of materials and all meals except lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Clinic teachers are furnished by Dr. D. James Kennedy, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

For more information, call Susan Baxter, E. E. International, 954-465-2236, or call Cal Maulden, Northwood Temple, 910-488-7474.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Overcoming Barriers to Growth: Proven Strategies for Taking Your Church to the Next Level

by Michael Fletcher. Bloomington, Minnesota: Bethany House Publishers. 139 pages.

Would learning the points where active membership ordinarily stalls out, the changing roles of pastors and leadership teams at each growth stage, the way to facilitate strong relationships within the congregation, and ways for your church to jumpstart new ministries sound helpful to you as a pastor or church leader? Would bringing new life to your congregation or church light up the blip on your radar screen? Then this book will serve as a helpful guide for insight, innovation, and instruction.

"The key to growing a church is the leader's ability to change the church's internal structures." This statement by Michael Fletcher, a proven practitioner of growing a large church of some 4,000 members, speaks volumes on the great issue of growing a church because it strikes at the very heart of the problem. Removing barriers to growth is half the struggle. The other half is the biblically structured church facilitating the gifts and ministries of God's people in obeying the Great Commission as the Lord Jesus has commanded.

To the credit of the leadership of our conference, pastors and church leaders have heard, perhaps countless times, that the church structured for control will not grow very much, but the church structured for growth has the tendency to grow. As long as a local church is mainly concerned about who is in charge and how the money is spent, it will never reach its God-given potential. The author does not simply speak of increasing numbers. He offers insight as to how to make a church healthy because he knows healthy churches grow. As Fletcher stated, "We don't have time to sit in board meetings and fight over who is in charge. We have a world to change." The Lord wants to release people, not restrict them.

The chapters of the book include (1) "The Power of Vision," (2) "Every Stage Requires Change," (3) "Church Growth Dynamics and Breaking Barriers," (4) "Tension Points Produced by Growth Barriers," (5) "Tension Produced by Improper Alignment," (6) "So, What About…?" [Frequently asked questions], and (7) "What if the Church Is Not Growing at All?"

This book will not be a waste of your precious time. It is worth the effort to read, analyze, and put to practice.

Above All Earthly Pow'rs: Christ in a Postmodern World

by David F. Wells. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 339 pages.

We have waited with great anticipation for this book to be written and put on the market. David F. Wells, author of *God in the Wasteland: the Reality of Truth in a World of Fading Dreams* and the Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, has given what Cal Thomas has identified as the "finest critique of culture since the late philosopher-theologian Francis Schaeffer." Although the sons of Issachar are no longer with us today, God has given a unique and special gift in the person of David F. Wells. With masterful breadth and penetrating, Amos-like insight, this author gives the message of a prophet to the church. He deserves a full hearing from all Christian believers.

The chapters include (1) "Miracles of Modern Splendor," (2) "Postmodern Rebellion," (3) "Migrations, the Banquet of Religion, and Pastiche Spirituality," (4) "Christ in a Spiritual World," (5) "Christ in a Meaningless World," (6) "Christ in a Decentered World," (7) "Megachurches, Paradigm Shifts, and the New Spiritual Quest," and (8) "The Day of New Beginnings." While portions of the publication may require slower, more methodical reading, it is well worth the cost and the time necessary for understanding its weighty contents.

The issue is the dual between the plague of postmodernism (by which he means hyperconsumerism, functional nihilism, and meandering egotism), which happens to be the current Zeitgeist, or spirit of the age, and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At stake is the integrity of the gospel, and the life, health, purpose, and survival of the militant church.

While drawing from a variety of disciplines and sources of information, Wells spells out how we got where we are today in terms of the truth. What is truth? For example, that men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights is no longer "self-evident." Many Americans question the truth of a Creator. The great majority of Americans do not believe in the existence of truth which is absolute and enduring. Throw in the *Gospel of Judas*, Open Theism, *The Da Vinci Code* and the "Mary Magdalene scandal," and you have "Christians" questioning the foundational truths of God's Word.

The loss of truth well marks the gradual crumbling of this great nation, and if truth is lost in the Church, where will she be and what will she look like 20 or 30 years from now, should the Lord tarry? Just this week, I read a disturbing article in *U.S. News and World Report* (December 2006 issue) about the growing numbers of people who question the life and person of the Lord Jesus Christ. The author proposed that perhaps what we have held near and dear to our hearts about the Lord Jesus may not be completely true after all, since new "evidence" is surfacing almost every year discrediting the truth of the Scriptures. Perhaps it is far more important, says the author, that Jesus was a great Teacher than a Savior. Whose Savior is He, anyway? What does this Jesus save us from? What is truth? Who or what is the valid authority to say what true truth is anymore?

Thank the God of heaven and earth, who gave Augustus Toplady these words: "Could my tears forever flow,/ Could my zeal no languor know,/ These for sin could not atone;/ Thou must save, and Thou alone." If anyone is saved, he or she is saved by the only name given among men to save. If anyone is saved, he or she is saved because of the sufficiency and necessity of Jesus Christ, by which we must be saved. All peoples *must be saved*, for God is not willing that any should perish, but if they are saved, they will be saved by the only unique and universal Savior there is, and His name is the Lord Jesus Christ! Jesus must save, and He alone!

For all that is within me, I cry out to God for our nation. Current events disturb the most peaceful hearts as we watch before our very eyes the coming age of the Antichrist. But the fear, anxiety, and dread Christians may feel in their hearts is not of God, because He gives a sound mind that we may know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us God. Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, who reigns over all human governments, full of grace and truth, is indeed coming again, and it may not be as long as we may think. In an hour that we think not, the Son of Man cometh.

I cannot adequately express the intensity of feelings in my heart to promote the reading of this book and how it blessed my heart. While the book may not bless everyone, it will bless some. David F. Wells speaks as an unapologetic true prophet as the truth marches on. Happy Reading!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

February / March 2007

Rev. Harold Turpin	February 1
Rev. W. H. Lewis	February 7
Rev. Hildred Potter	February 8
Rev. Frank Gentry	February 18
Rev. Tim Henry	February 26
Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. James Herring	March 26
Rev. Fred Jones	March 26
Rev. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Della Stewart	March 29

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." (Acts 1:14)

There's a wonderful gospel song that begins, *"Lord, listen to your children praying..."* At the heart of all we do in Women's Ministries is to teach, encourage, model, and promote a lifestyle of prayer. Prayer is that wonderful gift that joins us together with other believers.

The book of Acts talks about the spirit of those who gathered in the Upper Room waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They were of one spirit and one purpose. What followed was a miracle of unseen proportions as Peter preached, and thousands came to faith hearing the sermon in their own language. There's another song that says, *"They were in an upper chamber; they were all in one accord, when the Holy Ghost descended as was promised by our Lord!"*

I believe the world is waiting and watching for a spirit of unity among those of us who claim to follow Christ. Tuesday, March 6 is Women's Ministries Day of Prayer. This is our opportunity to pray for one another no matter where we live or who we are. This is our opportunity to pray for our Women's Ministries on the local, conference, and general levels. Pray for our strategic goals: spiritual transformation and growth, excellence and effectiveness in ministry, and optimum involvement in service.

Remember, *"Together we can make a difference."*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Sharing Sister News From the Goldsboro District...

Tuesday, October 17, provided me with a wonderful privilege; I was asked to join Tabernacle and Liberty churches for their Sharing Sister time and to give the devotion. This was my first challenge since joining the NCWM as district director. The devotion was on *"Thank you for being a laborer in God's Kingdom."* It expressed thanks for their sacrifice, the times they had stood strong when storms raged around them, times when they felt they should have stayed or preferred to stay home, but were out doing God's business. In today's society, our women feel pulled and stressed out. It would be easy to throw up their hands and quit. May God grant strength to our older women to continue to stand as strong examples to our younger and middle-aged women. After the devotion, everyone enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal, which was prepared by the Tabernacle women.

Sandra Britt
Goldsboro District Director

POTPOURRI....

- *To banish rust spots on cast-iron pans, rub them with the cut side of half a potato dipped in concentrated dishwashing liquid. Rinse, then wipe with cooking oil and a paper towel.*
- *To get rid of pesky fruit flies, take a small glass, add ½" of apple cider vinegar and 2 drops of dishwashing liquid, and mix well. You will find those flies drawn to the cup and gone forever!*
- *Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home," and can't digest it, so it kills them.*

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Can You Come to Help? Will You Come?

As we read and study God's Word, we can find scriptures that will show us ways God is calling us to go. In Luke 10, Jesus is sending a mission team out to spread the gospel and reach the lost. In verse 2 He says, "The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

I truly believe we must be willing to go forth, whether we preach the Word or labor with our bodies. Either way, we are witnessing to others of the love of Jesus.

In November, I had the privilege of traveling with a church to Perlington, Mississippi. This community, after more than a year, is still trying to rebuild. Seventy-five percent of them are still living in campers or tents.

Sadly many communities throughout Mississippi and Louisiana are in this situation. **The only hope these people have is us.**

There are people going into these areas and working, but there are not enough. As the scripture says, "The laborers are few." This is so true.

Men's Ministries and DRUSA need your help. We have been deploying small groups to Mississippi for the last 14 months. We average sending about 5 people per month. Other churches throughout our denomination send people whenever they can as well.

If you would go just one time and see how much these people appreciate what you do, it would change you forever. We realize that people have to work, and sometimes it is hard to get off, so here is what we are asking: **we need churches to find a couple of people or more who would be willing to go one time this year and to let us know who they are.** We will be sending teams once a month headed up by Gordon Knox or Ronnie Basden.

Not only will this change your life, but it will also change the lives of the people you help! Many have come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior because of interactions they have had with people willing to answer the plea for help.

Please pray about this and seek God for your answer and call.

If God impresses *you* to be a laborer, please contact:

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Dates to Remember

Men's Advance: September 14 and 15, 2007

Guest Speaker: Rod Handley

Theme: Character of a Man

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Betty Thompson, Director

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The Azusa East Celebration: A Success!

The Azusa Street East Celebration has come and gone, but is not forgotten! This was one of the most monumental times in the history of our church. There were several denominations involved in these services, and each worked together to make this a very historic and, most of all, spiritual event in Pentecostal history.

We have all been blessed by God's precious Holy Spirit in each of the services. Each service was different, in that each denomination was responsible for a service, but the blessed Holy Spirit was present in each time of worship. Many were blessed, whether just by being there, or by receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time in a service!

We could not have had any better speakers than those whom God appointed for these services. God had really blessed the hearts of those who were in each service. Our prayer is that God will use everything that was said and done to ever increase the hunger in our hearts to serve Him, worship Him, and win others to Him. May God bless each of you with a hunger and thirst for more of the Holy Spirit in your life that you may be all that He would have you to be. Just like those who left the Dunn Revival a hundred years ago, may we "... return to [our] respective homes to scatter the fire. Great Pentecostal revivals broke out in practically all the churches. Some of the preachers and some of the laymen held back, but the majority went right into the experience. A great revival had come, and no one was able to stop it."

Did You Know...?

Did you know the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon is on the National Register of Historic Places and has been included in a book published by *Our State* magazine called *North Carolina Churches: Portraits of Grace?* There is a really nice picture of the Octagon Tabernacle from the outside, and a smaller picture of the inside view in the book, along with a description of the history of the Octagon Tabernacle.

Did you know also that a model of the Octagon Tabernacle is on a table in the larger Octagon Tabernacle and that it was meticulously built by Rev. Raymond Pope?

Also, did you know the Octagon was hit by lightning one day during Falcon Youth Camp, and one of the campers did some quick thinking, grabbed a ladder, climbed on top, and put the fire out? I'm not sure of the year this happened, but I know the name of that camper. His name is Vernon Potter, Sr. We are forever indebted to this man.

I know God intended for the Octagon still to be here for us to use for prayer meetings (as was intended in the beginning), Camp Meeting services, candlelight services, weddings, and many other types of special services. The Octagon Tabernacle was also used as the meeting place for the Consolidation of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church in 1911 and became known as the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Octagon Tabernacle is a symbol of our Pentecostal Holiness heritage and the many saints who came before us to give their lives for the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us, with God's grace and help, ever strive to do *all* that is possible in this life to preserve their memory and remember the sacrifices they have made for our Lord and His church.

Items for Sale

We have boxes of note cards of the Octagon Tabernacle and the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium (the old building) at the price of $8.00 each. We also have prints of both buildings at $25.00 each.

We also have the Falcon historical afghans at $50.00 each. These afghans are in black and cream or burgundy and cream and can be a real asset to your home. Please help support your Archives Department by buying these items.

Archives Training – March 24, 2007

Our next Archives Training Day is Saturday, March 24, 2007, in the Octagon Tabernacle if the bathrooms are finished by then. Pastors, church historians, and anyone else interested in the history of the church are invited to come. Brother Danny Rollins, from The First Church in Goldsboro, will perform a historical skit as one of our forefathers in the church. We will also have a couple of other speakers who will be speaking to us (that have not been finalized as yet). Please come, enjoy, and be informed!

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What Is Love?

We all have felt love at one time or another. I'm sure you would agree that there are several types of love. There is God's love, our love for God, love for our spouse, love for our children and family, and love for others.

The most important and enriching love is the love of God. Where would we be without God's love? We should all be able to quote this verse: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God loved us so much that He gave His *only* Son, which would have been a very hard thing to do. If you have children, you will understand what I mean by this. We have three boys and their wives, and I cannot imagine giving up even one of them so that someone else could live, but God did it! His love is so deep that He not only gave His Son as pardon for our sins, but He also saw His Son suffer such awful pain and disgrace. How much we owe!

The next love would automatically be from us to God. How strong is your love to God? Are you willing to sacrifice everything for Him? Would you get rid of everything you own to go to the mission field for Him? Would you leave your children and their families in order to go across the ocean to witness to people who are completely different from you and everything you have ever known? Would you be willing to go somewhere like New York and live in an area where you would be afraid even to lift a camera to take a picture, for fear of getting shot? When we went to visit Metro Ministries in October, there were several areas where we were told not to take pictures because drug dealers were all around, and they would shoot you if you took their pictures.

How much do you love your spouse? Is he the most important thing in your life besides the Lord? Do you miss him if he is not around? Do you want to do all you can to help him? Have you ever thought of how life would be without him? Several years ago, when the boys were small, I had said something about Chris being gone all the time, and a widow lady, who had just lost her husband a few months before, made the statement, "At least you know he's coming home." I have tried to watch what I say ever since. "... Every husband must love his wife as himself, and every wife must respect her husband" (Ephesians 5:33).

The next type of love is toward our families. A mother's love is hard to describe, but I'm sure it is a small portion of what God's love is really like. A mother does want to do all she can for her children from the time they are helpless babies all through their lives. Even as children grow up and have families of their own, it is hard for a mother (or father) to let go and let them live their lives, but God does give us grace and understanding.

The last type of love is toward others. What would our lives be if we could or would not love others? I believe our lives would be almost empty if we could not do something for others. I know God made us this way. Because of His great love, He shows us what it is to love someone besides ourselves. There have been times when I've been out somewhere, and it seemed as if God put someone right in front of me who needed help of some kind. After doing what needed to be done to help, God would give me such a peace and assurance that this was what I was to do.

During this holiday that represents love, let us remember the love God has toward us and remember that we ever need to practice our love toward Him, whether in worship or in doing something for someone else. May God bless you and give you a burning love for Him and His people! "Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32) As you go, give His love to all that you come in contact with.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Celebrating her 93rd birthday

The Retired Ministers
Special Assistance Fund

Several years ago two of our retired ministers envisioned a time when our conference would have a fund that would provide for the "special needs" of our retired and/or disabled ministers, missionaries, and their spouses. One of those ministers was ***Rev. J. Doner Lee***. While serving as superintendent, Rev. Lee saw firsthand the needs of the retired ministers and sought to alleviate some of their difficulties. The other minister was ***Rev. Garland A. Murray***. Before his death he instructed his Power of Attorney to give about one third of his life's savings to benefit the retired minister. The combination of these two funds amounts to several thousand dollars.

The truth is that we do not hear very much about the special needs of our retired ministers. In most cases, the family of the retired minister has come to their loved one's aid when able, and perhaps even the local church has helped. But if that help is not available, the minister has no recourse but just to do without.

Years ago these ministers pastored our churches and preached our revivals, and some of them dedicated themselves for service in a foreign land. The gave their all, sacrificing much for the work of the Lord. And, since many of our churches were limited in what they were able to pay, some of our ministers had to take a part-time job in order to meet the basic needs of their families. Laying aside money for their retirement years was almost out of the question. And, because their income was so little, their Social Security check is small.

The month of May is always designated as **"Retired Ministers Month"** in our conference. Also, **on the first Sunday in May**, we request our pastors and churches to receive an offering for the **Retired Ministers Special Assistance Fund**. There is never any administrative cost in accounting for the funds contributed, so every dollar will go toward meeting the special needs of our retired ministers. All funds, beyond those given away, are deposited in an interest-bearing account with the conference loan fund.

We must not—**and will not**—forget the great contributions made to our conference by these great men and women of God.

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT

April 30 – May 2, 2007
(Monday – Wednesday)

Special Speaker:
Bishop James D. Leggett

Plan Now to Attend!

Where Are They Now...?

Flossie and Haywood Price

When Haywood was a young man of 20 years, he and Flossie pledged their love to one another in marriage. During the first 10 years of their lives together, they didn't know the Lord. But in 1953 in a revival conducted at the Bethany PH Church, Haywood gave his heart and life to Christ, to be followed by Flossie two years later. They worked diligently in the Bethany Church until they yielded to the call of God in 1957. As a layman, Haywood was a bricklayer ... one of the best! As a mission worker, he filled in at the Windsor Church for two years before joining the conference in 1961. As a pastor for 26 years, he used his building skills to erect churches, parsonages, educational buildings, and fellowship halls and to improve church buildings generally. Mrs. Price has worked by his side in every endeavor, and the two of them have won many, many souls to the Lord. They live in their beautiful home in Williamston, attend the Williamston First Church, and are much involved in its activities. He ministers at every opportunity. They both have had a lot of serious illnesses in recent years, but God has seen fit to bring them through all of them. Presently they are doing exceptionally well physically and are very grateful for God's healing and keeping power.

Deane and Lester Jarrett

Deane and Lester make their home in Ahoskie, NC, where they attend the Higher Ground PH Church, a church he pioneered and pastored before bringing it into the PH denomination. Before joining our conference, Deane and Lester were members of the Lexington Assemblies of God, where he was converted in 1945. After he and Deane were married, he was licensed and ordained and began pastoring at age 19. He pastored for 20 years with the Assemblies. They joined the NC Conference in 1969, pastored 4 churches over 25 years, and retired in 1996. Mrs. Jarrett has served faithfully by his side through all their 45 years of ministry.

The Higher Ground Church has given them the position of "Senior Pastors." Their responsibilities include doing hospital and home visitation, preaching when called upon, and being available to assist their pastor, Rev. David Bryan, when needed. He is also a chaplain at the Roanoke Chowan Hospital, which requires a good bit of his time. In spite of some physical problems, Lester and Deane enjoy attending the Retired Ministers Retreats, camp meetings, and other conference activities. Their goal is to be a strong witness for the Lord, to keep the Lord always first in their lives, and be ready to meet Him when He comes!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

El Ministerio Hispano de Nuestra Conferencia

En el ministerio hispano de nuestra Conferencia, creemos que Dios nos ha llamado a recoger la cosecha de almas preciosas y enseñarles a amar y servir a Dios, ayudándoles en su crecimiento y desarrollo para que cada uno de ellos sea la persona que Dios desea que sea.

Desde la oficina en Falcon y el liderazgo que el Señor nos ha dado, visualizamos y trabajamos para ser una fuente de recursos y apoyo en las manos de Dios para la edificación de todos nuestros ministros y las iglesias hispanas.

Los pastores son los agentes de cambio más estratégicos para tratar con los problemas que enfrenta nuestra sociedad. Son los ministros los que tienen la mejor oportunidad de marcar una diferencia en nuestro mundo. Es por eso que nos dedicamos a equiparlos por medio de los recursos de entrenamiento y capacitación; además de todo el respaldo posible que podamos brindarles, para lograr la meta de que seamos líderes efectivos y alcancemos el propósito de Dios en nuestros ministerios e iglesias.

La iglesia es el instrumento de Dios para la alabanza de Su nombre, el medio que Dios usa para la proclamación del evangelio y el lugar para la edificación de cada creyente. Dios usa a la iglesia para transformar al mundo, y también el lugar donde El llama, capacita y envía a sus obreros para llevar a cabo Su obra.

Nuestras iglesias deben ser movidas por un sentido de propósito y misión. Las iglesias, sin importar cual sea el tamaño o ubicación, serán más saludables, más fuertes y más efectivas al convertirse en una iglesia movida por un propósito. La iglesia no debe caminar sin saber por qué existe. Un propósito claro define lo que hacemos. Es mi oración que este año cada pastor e iglesia descubramos el propósito de Dios y sepamos lo que realmente vale la pena llevar a cabo, porque la efectividad es saber lo que realmente tiene valor y luego hacerlo.

Lo anterior me mueve a compartir una lista de eventos que tendrán lugar este año, los cuales han sido diseñados con el propósito de edificar a los líderes y las iglesias, dándoles herramientas para facilitar su trabajo y así recoger mayores frutos para el reino de Dios.

Lema Para Este Año 2007 del Ministerio Hispano

"Levanta tu cabeza para alcanzar y consolidar"

Lista de Eventos del Ministerio Hispano del Año 2007

1. Reuniones de la Junta Hispana: el primer miércoles de cada mes
2. Clases de INE: Enero 19-20, Mayo 25-26, Julio 27-28 y Noviembre 16-17
3. Escuelas de Ministerio para pastores y líderes: Febrero 23-24, Junio 8-9 y Septiembre 21-22
4. Habrán eventos especiales para las esposas de los ministros: Se anunciarán después
5. Seminarios Distritales para Ministerios de Hombres: Se anunciarán después
6. Retiro Matrimonial: Febrero 9-11
7. Comidas Pro-Misiones por distrito: Marzo 7 y 14
8. Conferencia Distrital Hispana de Primavera: Marzo 30
9. Entrenamiento Distrital para la revitalización de la Iglesia: Empezando en abril
10. Reuniones MPM del Obispo y el Supervisor Hispano: Serán anunciadas después
11. Campamento Juvenil: Junio 29-30 y Julio 1
12. Conferencia Distrital Hispana de Otoño: Septiembre 12 y 26
13. Día de entretenimiento pastoral con familia: Octubre 6
14. Evento de oración e Intercesión por Distrito "7 Horas de Clamor": Octubre 20
15. Convención de iglesias Hispanas: Noviembre 30 y Diciembre 1
16. Fiestas de Navidad por distrito: Se anunciarán después
17. Eventos distritales organizados por el Comité de cada distrito.

Areas de Mayor Enfoque Para Este Año 2007 Para Nuestros Ministros e Iglesias

A. Plan de crecimiento y esctructura de discipulado en cada iglesia local
B. Unidad entre los ministros y compromiso con la Conferencia
C. Cuidado y atención del pastor y su familia
D. Capacitación y desarrollo del liderazgo del ministero y su congregación
E. Práctica de la ética ministerial

Bien mis hermanos, cierro esta edición animándoles a que estemos "llenos de espectativas esperando Cosas grandes de nuestro Dios, y llenos de entusiasmo haciendo cosas grandes para Dios".

The Hispanic Ministry of Our Conference

In the Hispanic ministry of our Conference, we believe that God has called us to ripen the harvest of beautiful souls and teach them to love and serve God, helping them in their growth and development, so that each one of them will be the person that God wants him to be.

From the office in Falcon and the leadership that the Lord has given us, we visualize and work in order to be a source of help and support in the hands of God for the building of all our ministers and the Hispanic churches.

Pastors are the agents of more strategic change in order to work with the problems that our society is facing. Ministers are those who have the better opportunity to make a difference in our world. It is for that reason that we devote ourselves to equipping them by means of resources of training and teaching, besides the whole possible support that we could offer them, to achieve the goal that they might be effective leaders and reach the purpose of God in our ministries and churches.

The church is God's instrument to glorify His name, the means that God uses for the proclamation of the gospel, and the place to build and develop each believer. God uses the church in order to transform the world, and church is also the place where He calls, instructs and sends His workers in order to carry out His work.

Our churches should be moved by the sense of purpose and mission. Churches, no matter their size or location, will be healthier, stronger, and more effective upon being converted into churches moved by a purpose. The church should not walk without knowing for what it exists. A clear purpose defines what we do. It is my prayer that this year, each pastor and church discover the purpose of God and know what really is worthwhile to do, because effectiveness means knowing what really is worthwhile, and valuing and then doing it.

What I have been saying moves me to share a list of events that will take place this year. These events have been designed with the purpose of building leaders and churches, giving them tools in order to facilitate their work and to bring more fruits for the Kingdom of God.

Theme for This Year 2007 of the Hispanic Ministry

"Lift up your head to reach and consolidate."

List of Events for the Hispanic Ministry Year 2007

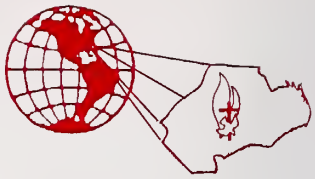
1. Meetings of the Hispanic Board: The first Wednesday of every month
2. INE Training: January 19-20, May 25-26, July 27-28, and November 16-17
3. Schools of Ministry for pastors and leaders: February 23-24, June 8-9, and September 21-22
4. Marriage Retreat: February 9-11
5. Hispanic Great Commissions Meals: March 7 14
6. Sprint Hispanic District Conference: March 30
7. Event of Prayer and Intercession every district "7 Hours of Prayer": October 20
8. MPM Meetings with the Bishop and the Hispanic Supervisor: To be announced
9. Hispanic Youth Camp: June 29-30 and July 1
10. There will be special events for ministers' wives: To be announced
11. Pastor's Day of Entertainment: October 6
12. Men's District Seminars: To be announced
13. Model Church Strategic: Beginning in April
14. Church Hispanic Convention: November 30 and December 1
15. Christmas Parties: December 7 and 8
16. Fall Hispanic District Conference: September 12 and 26
17. District events organized by the district committee

Focus on the Main Areas for This Year 2007 for Our Ministers and Churches

A. Growth and structure of discipleship for each local church
B. Unity between the ministers and commitment to the conference
C. Care and attention to the pastors and their families
D. Training and development of the leadership: Ministers and their churches' leaders
E. Practices of the ministerial ethics

My brethren, I close this edition encouraging you to be "full of expectations, waiting for great things from God, and full of enthusiasm, doing great things for God."

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

IMAGINE...

Imagine waking up to the persistent grumblings of your stomach because you haven't eaten in three days.

Imagine spending each day on a street corner, begging for food, selling a commodity, or selling yourself, just to help your family of nine make ends meet.

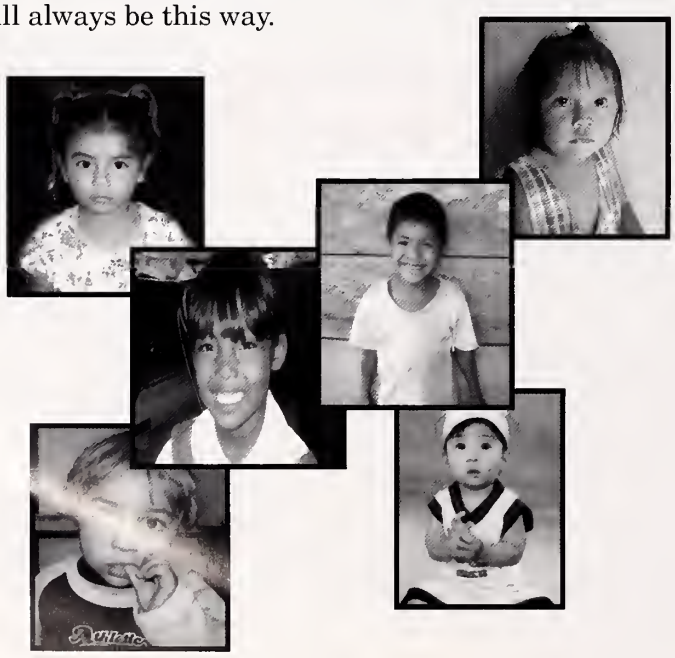
Imagine having a bad cold, an aching tooth, a sore on your arm that won't go away, and thinking that is normal because you don't even know what a doctor is or what medicine is.

Imagine coming "home" to a drafty, rundown hut or shack that has no electricity or no running water.

Imagine laying your head down at night on a dirt floor, with no fluffy pillow or blanket, and drifting off to sleep, once again hungry, cold, and hurting.

Then imagine that you're five years old.

Does this seem too farfetched? It isn't. Each day, millions of children around the world suffer through this and even worse living conditions, with seemingly no way to make things better. They grow up thinking that their dreadful way of life is normal and that it will always be this way.



Imagine a lifetime of never hearing the precious name of Jesus and never knowing who or what God is.

Hopeless? It doesn't have to be.

World Missions Ministries (WMM) is striving to change this and other seemingly hopeless scenarios through People to People Ministries.

People to People Ministries (PTP) is the benevolence and humanitarian arm of WMM. This ministry seeks to provide a platform of ministry for individuals, churches, and missionaries by practicing acts of love to a hurting world. Poverty is not just a rural or village problem or an inner city dilemma; poverty touches people in every nation. And many times, the children in these poverty-stricken situations "fall through the cracks." *You* can help change a seemingly hopeless life by sponsoring a child through PTP. By sponsoring a child, you are helping People to People Ministries provide a physical connection with a child at risk of suffering from malnutrition, disease, poverty, and spiritual separation from God. For only $20 a month, child sponsorship provides nutritious food, medical care, educational opportunities, Christian guidance and training, and life-changing skills.

Twenty dollars a month. ***That's LESS than the cost of a soft drink per day!*** Not much of a sacrifice when compared to saving and changing the life of a child. Don't let another child fall through the cracks! If you would like to commit to sponsoring one of these precious children for only $20 a month, please contact Danny Nelson or Nicole Turransky at the conference office (910-980-1162 OR e-mail: Njdrn@aol.com / sunshine527@nc.rr.com) and we will send you information about a precious child, as well as information about the various ministries of People to People.

Thank you in advance for your response and commitment to changing the life of a child. Our efforts are helping to "Change Eternal Destinies!"

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2007 EVANGELISM RALLIES

February 26-27, March 1, 2007

Monday, February 26th
Greenville 1st PH Church
Greenville, NC

Tuesday, February 27th
Wilson 1st PH Church
Wilson, NC

Thursday, March 1st
Saint Pauls PH Church
Saint Pauls, NC

All Rallies begin at 7:00pm

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Azusa Street East

Pentecostal Revival

Falcon, N.C.

Dec. 31, 2006 – Jan. 3, 2007

As the body of Christ, we had the privilege of meeting together for prayer and intercession during the Azusa Street East Centennial Celebration. We gathered upstairs in the J. A. Culbreth prayer room. What a blessed and powerful time it was as we prayed, interceded, praised, worshiped, and prayed and sang in tongues. We know that the Holy Spirit was present in our meeting as a fresh revelation and Word came to us every day and night.

The Holy Spirit confirmed His Word to us as we receive the messages preached by the different anointed men of God.

- *"We must have the assurance and know that without prayer, nothing is accomplished here on this earth."*
- *"Everything is excisable and brought down to us from the heavenly realm through our praying."*
- *"Prayer is a key that brings the divine and supernatural down to this earth and to the atmosphere."*
- *"It comes from God, through Jesus, to His people."*

Here are some of the Scriptures and words we received during our prayer times. May they bless you as they have blessed us.

Sunday, December 31, 2006

- "You've lost your joy, and the joy of the Lord is your strength, but I am in your midst to return your joy."
- "I have seen your pain; you shall see my glory because of your obedience. I am ready to pour out my glory upon my people. I have heard your cry, and I am ready to answer your prayer."

Monday morning and evening, January 1, 2007

We were exhorted by the Holy Spirit to pass the baton to our children and the generation to come. In order to do so, we must continue in purity, holiness, and sanctification. The anointing will be passed on, and there will be a greater anointing upon the generations to come.

- "Lord, show me your glory."
- "He shall supply all our needs, and it comes through His glory." "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19
- "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue." – 2 Peter 1:3
- "You are commanded to be the light in the midst of darkness." Matthew 5:14 – "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."
- "You are commanded to be one." "That they all may be one as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also be one in us. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." – John 17:21,22
- "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." "We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God." – 1 Corinthians 2:11-14 (read)
- "Lord, give us joy and expectation."
- "Be cleansed and pure." "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" – Hebrew 9:11
- "By God's presence we tear down the strongholds of racism, socioeconomic differences, and gender." "Dead to sin, alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." – Romans 6:6-11 (read)
- "Servants of God." "But now be made free from sin, and become servants to God ye have your fruit unto holiness and the end everlasting life." – Romans 6:22
- "We have been exhorted to continue in doctrine, prayer, praise, and changing the atmosphere."

Tuesday morning and evening, January 2, 2007

- "As you go through the fires with Me, I will refine you. My joy you will experience in fullness, and in this fullness you will love Me more, serve Me more, and praise Me more."
- Read Psalm 113:1-8
- "The wind of the Spirit, the tenderness of a dove."
- "You are commanded to bear fruit, much fruit; then I will prune, and you will bear much more fruit." – John 15:1-17
- "You shall go out with joy and be let off with peace." – Isaiah 55:12
- "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water of the wells of salvation." – Isaiah 12:3
- "What is the Holy Spirit doing today? Convicting of sin, bringing righteousness and judgment."
- 1 Corinthians 12

Wednesday morning and evening, January 3, 2007

- "The authority of the spoken Word, declare the Word, speak the Word."
- "We are people that are under the authority of God Himself here on the earth."
- "The Word will do what it was sent out to do." Matthew 8:5-13 – verse 9, "A man under authority" – The Centurion
- "Matthew 8:23-27 – Jesus calms the storm then spoke about there faith. He is there, in your storm."
- "We declare the manifestation of signs and wonders in 2007."
- "Lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."
- "You will enter into My rest." "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." – Hebrews 4:9,11 (read) – We rest in Christ declaring the Word, declaring our victory. When you struggle with your needs you have not entered into my rest."
- "Rest is found by coming apart and spending time with me. That I may know Him. A never-ending process." "The Spirit says come." "Behold I give unto you power." – Luke 10:19
- "I will go before you."
- "Put on the armor of God" "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might." – Ephesians 6:10
- "Go to the upper room; then go preach."
- "You will receive power, energy as you have commitment." "Commit your ways to the Lord."
- "I have given you the fivefold ministry and gift for the edification and the perfecting of the saints."
- "You have been placed strategically; don't be distracted." "I'll make the crooked ways straight. Obedience is the key for your roots to be grounded, and rooted. Keep holy." "The presence of God is here."
- We are His elect." "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." – 1 Peter:1, 2
- "Love of God" "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." – Romans 5:5

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

A Tribute to My Friend, Commander Bill Linn

Some tasks are so overwhelming that one doesn't even know where to begin. Yet, when the Christian is faced with such a task, God always provides the resources to complete it. In 1988, I needed such a resource. I knew there was always somebody "out there" to help, and the Lord sent me help in the person of Bill Linn, my mentor and friend.

When a vacancy occurred in the conference commander's position, we sought a leader to advance us to higher levels of Royal Rangers growth and ministry. The search was completed when Bill Linn agreed to do the job. Sworn in at the June CE Convention, he began the enormous task of organizing more outposts in the Conference. I asked him to choose the best people for his staff, even if they all came from the same local church, for the only way we could be our best for the Lord was to use the best people He had given us. Bill set his face to the task of helping us be the best by developing an *Organization and Function* document, a guideline for operation in the Royal Rangers ministry.

One of the first things Commander Linn did was establish a *Conference Outpost Directory*, which he organized by districts. This directory included crucial information about each chartered church, including each one's name and address, its charter number, senior commander's name, and all of his pertinent contact information. This information helped bring a personal touch in communications. It helped everyone within the Royal Rangers to be able to communicate and thereby helped to maintain unity within the organization.

Commander Linn knew the value of having contact people throughout the conference. Because of this, he would recommend to me the names of people to fill the various positions on a district staff. This resulted in an army of more than 70 trained staff who kept the Royal Rangers ministry before the boys of our churches. It also made possible a *Conference Directory of Leadership*, which included the same data as the *Conference Outpost Directory* but was broken down into the various districts of the conference. To the district staff were delegated the various tasks that, when carried out, caused the Royal Rangers ministry to function effectively. To serve on district staff, it was mandatory to attend and complete the Leadership Training Course and take additional training as it became available. Insisting on leadership by example, he required district leaders to set the pace in their districts by attending at least one training event each year.

As any good leader would do, Commander Linn kept up with the training records of his Royal Rangers leaders. Without fail, he would call me for weekly updates on registration at national and conference training events. These men had promised to avail themselves of training, so he held them to their word.

Another area about which Commander Linn was adamant was annual charter renewal. He appointed one of the conference staff members as chartering officer, and the renewal rate became the highest in the denomination. His success at this area caught the attention of the General CE director, and he was asked to serve as deputy national commander in charge of charter renewal. But having made a full-time job of being conference commander, he accepted the job only for a 12-month period.

In his first year as conference commander, his leadership initiatives advanced us to record attendance at Pow-Wows and LTCs. He established a Buckaroo-Straight Arrow Field Day (now known as Ranger Kids Field Day) for those Rangers who are too young to attend a Pow-Wow. Commander Linn kept improving various details, honing to almost perfection plans for workdays, Pow-Wows, and about five conference training events each year. Under his leadership, we grew from around 20 outposts to nearly 90 outposts. His great leadership was further evidenced when he came to me in 1998 and told me it was time for him to step down as conference commander. He had no anxieties about this move, for he was confident that he had trained his replacement well. His recommendation to me was Andre Davenport, who is currently our conference commander.

Many wondered how the Royal Rangers ministry could function without Bill Linn. I offer only two reasons. First, he set up the organizational structure for the North Carolina Conference, and that structure has ensured smooth transition and continuity. But there's a greater reason. Bill Linn never made Royal Rangers or leadership revolve around him. To Bill, it was all about Jesus, the Master Ranger. He lived and died with that principle. Mission accomplished.

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"For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

Psalm 5:12

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund: A Ministry of the North Carolina Conference

The North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, in her 45th annual session at Falcon, North Carolina, on August 26, 1955, provided for the establishment of a loan fund for her churches and ministers. Superintendent Eddie Morris and his board were ahead of their time in beginning such an endeavor. They acted with wisdom and were clearly led by the Spirit of the Lord.

This fund has enabled churches to increase their ministry resources and has assisted ministers with their professional and personal needs. Over the years the fund has continued to serve a great purpose and accomplish wonderful things within the conference for God's kingdom while giving the depositors a good return for their monies.

This fund has blessed and has even greater potential for the future. The North Carolina Conference Board serves as the administrator of the fund. The board voted three years ago to tithe on the profits of the Loan Fund to a Counseling Fund. The Counseling Fund pays for counselors designated by the Conference Board to assist the ministers of the conference, their spouses, and children who live in their homes. Each individual may receive personal counseling up to $500 per person. The limit may be raised by special permission of the superintendent. The names of the counselees are reserved in confidence with the counselors.

For the last several years the profits of the Loan Fund have averaged over $125,000 per year. Except for the above, the profits are used, by vote of the conference, for the building needs of the Conference RDC (Resource Development Center). In recent years these profits have helped to pay off the new cafeteria, helped with remodeling of the Ward dormitory, helped with remodeling of the beige dormitory, made a deposit of $1 million for the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, and is making the monthly payments on the new Culbreth Auditorium.

At the current time the Loan Fund is financing the building of the new bathrooms behind the Octagon Tabernacle and assisting with the new Sudie Butler Guest House (a guest house with eight private rooms, fully furnished, meeting room, kitchen-break room, and lobby guest area).

All the above is real ministry. New churches especially need the services of the Loan Fund. They sometimes have great difficulty in getting funding at a bank.

A great need is present! That need is to double the value of the Loan Fund. Our hope is that by doubling the Loan Fund, deposits can be doubled. At the end of the year 2000, there was $8.5 million in the fund. Today there is $15.5 million. This growth must continue. The ministry needs are great. Doubling the profits means doubling the ministry. A fringe benefit would be that the new Culbreth Auditorium could be paid off in 5 or 6 years – not 15. Praise the Lord!

Only IPHC churches and IPHC licensed and/or ordained ministers can borrow from the fund. However, *anyone* may make deposits into the fund.

Interest on deposits is paid quarterly. The amount of interest paid to depositors is determined by the Conference Board and may vary according to market conditions. The current APR rates are 4.75% for deposits of $100,000 or more, 4.5% for deposits from $50,000 to $99,999, and 3.5% for deposits from $10,000 to $49,999. Deposits of less than $10,000 earn 3%. Rates may be changed without prior notice. However, notification of changes will be mailed to depositors.

Monies deposited into the fund are ordinarily available for immediate withdrawal. The Conference Board does reserve the right to require a 90-day notice before withdrawals. However, the fund has never had to initiate that requirement to date. Any funds in a bank CD type of account will be subject to interest penalties for early withdrawal. No such penalties exist with the Loan Fund.

The North Carolina Conference Board requires an annual audit of the Loan Fund, and the results are published each year in the *North Carolina Conference Minutes*.

Loan Fund deposits are not FDIC-insured. Due to the prudent management of the fund by the Conference Board, the fund has never failed to pay interest on time or to provide depositors with withdrawals upon request. No depositor's principle has ever decreased in value in the Loan Fund.

There are two basic loans: vehicles and real estate; 6.5% interest is charged for new vehicles, and 7.5% for used vehicles; 6.5% is charged for real estate. For some church emergency circumstances, the board will consider special loans. These smaller, more limited loans require less stringent collateral, but the interest rates are a bit higher.

Churches and ministers interested in loans should contact the loan officer, Reverend Roland Harrell. Those interested in deposits should also contact him or the loan secretary, Kay Glover.

May the Lord bless this fund to increase! This is an excellent opportunity for anyone and everyone to participate. Betty and I have moved our emergency savings fund to the Loan Fund. A minister who finances an average car loan with the fund will not only be blessed himself, but will average furnishing the Loan Fund with $25 per month profit. The $25 per month can add up to a good amount with a good number of ministers participating.

This is good news! Help spread the word!

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Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church Note Burning

The Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church had a note burning celebration Sunday, February 4, 2007. There was good reason for the celebrating. A little over 12 years ago, June 1, 1994, the Smyrna church was organized and began worshiping in an old vacated bar. During the first year, a plan was developed to acquire the leased land and old bar. In a short period of time, with God's help and a "Miracle Sunday" offering, the loan to purchase this property was paid off.

Because of the rapid growth of the congregation, it was soon necessary to look ahead and plan for a larger building. In November 1998 the trustees of the church signed a loan with a friend of the church for $600,000 for construction of a new sanctuary. This friend later became a member of the Smyrna PH Church.

In April 2002, $550,000 was borrowed from the North Carolina Conference to pay off the original construction loan and in less than five years all of those monies have been paid in full! A new 5,000-square-foot sanctuary, a newly renovated youth sanctuary, fellowship hall and surrounding educational rooms, kitchen, and large storage area are all debt-free.

The local tax office in Carteret County has placed a value of nearly $1.7 million on our facility, but God has placed a much higher value on individuals who have entered our services. Many souls have been saved and lives changed in the few years of the church's existence. We know that we have just begun His work in this area.

We give God the glory for all that has been accomplished in such a short period of time. We continue to celebrate His goodness and mercy. To God be the glory!

Beth Piner
Reporter

Lady Ministers' Seminar April 27-28, 2007

It is with joy that we announce the Lady Ministers' Seminar scheduled for April 27-28 in Falcon, with Dr. Lynn Lucas as our guest speaker. Our theme will be "Called to His Feet." In addition to Dr. Lucas' sessions, Rev. Louise Thompson and Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa will conduct individual workshops on subjects relevant to 21st-century lady ministers.

Please contact another credentialed lady minister in your area, or one in the credentialing process, and invite her to join you in being a part of this great event. Preregistration is requested by April 9, 2007. Housing for Friday night, April 27, will be available on the campus at Falcon free of charge on a first-come basis. Reservations are required.

To preregister or reserve a room, contact:

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The Lady Ministers' Advisory Council looks forward to seeing you there.

Rev. Janice Marshburn
Director of Lady Ministers

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Azusa East: The Life and Times of G. B. Cashwell

by Doug Beacham. Franklin Springs: LifeSprings Resources. 229 pages.

This well-researched publication serves the Pentecostal Church well by providing insights and valuable documentation concerning some of the important history of Pentecostalism of the late 19th and early 20th century, particularly in the person of G. B. Cashwell, who claimed that God wanted the 1906-07 Holy Ghost revival to "cover the whole face of the earth." Azusa West and Azusa East eventually covered the United States and continued to spread, prophetically speaking, throughout the world. Largely as a result of the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God at a humble Gospel mission in Los Angeles, California, and the Tobacco Prizing building in Dunn, North Carolina, the Pentecostal message covers the whole face of the earth.

Dr. Beacham provides facts and quotes from a variety of sources, including Holiness and Pentecostal publications, newspaper accounts, personal letters, books, telegrams, and interviews as he traces the life and ministry of G. B. Cashwell. Some gaps of Pentecostal history are filled in. There is a certain flow to the reading that one would not expect from the amount of historical data provided in the chapters. Yet somehow, he has formed the material to merge into a meaningful whole, much like a story, at times mysterious, with a plot and climax. The reader will find it not boring but informative and interesting. This publication can make a wonderful addition to anyone's collection of books.

As I read the book and reflected upon the reading, several truths emerged, including these: (1) God uses flawed men and women who humble themselves and seek His will; (2) the Holy Spirit breaks racial and cultural barriers when people are willing to yield to His control; (3) speaking in tongues creates a keen interest in foreign

languages and can be instrumental in sending yielded vessels to foreign lands to carry the gospel; and (4) the story of the Pentecostal movement is not stale or boring; instead, it's actually like the Book of Acts. When there is a fire, people gather; when God empowers those who submit to His authority, people are saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, and divinely healed, and they look for the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. We should be thankful for the life and ministry of G. B. Cashwell because, although he was imperfect, like the best and the rest of us, he was the right man at the right time to become the spark needed to strike fire in North Carolina and to the most remote parts of the world!

Understanding End Times Prophecy: A Comprehensive Approach

by Paul N. Benware. Chicago: Moody Publishers (Revised and Expanded, 2006). 421 pages.

Trouble in the Middle East causes most Christians to bring Bible prophecy out of the mothballs, brush off the cobwebs, and take another look at it again. What is God saying to the Church as a result of the current crises developing in the faraway countries of Israel, Iraq, and Iran?

Benware, professor in the Biblical Studies Division at the Philadelphia Biblical University, is well known for a number of useful publications that are easy to read and understand, such as the popular *Survey of the Old Testament*. For those seeking the broad, panoramic view of future things, based on the literal interpretation methodology of understanding prophetic scripture, this publication will prove to be a valuable resource. It could be used for individual study, group discussion, or even as a course text.

Bible prophecy reminds us that God is sovereign and good, motivates believers to holy living, helps us to establish proper priorities, and gives us hope. This book of Bible prophecy offers the basic and fundamental doctrines of eschatology from the covenants and dispensations to the final, eternal state. The author grounds his teachings in the Word of God. For example, he does a splendid job of showing why replacement theology concerning Israel and the Church is not a valid doctrine. Israel can never take the place of the Church, nor can the Church take the place of Israel. The distinction between the two must always be maintained because they will never be the same in relation to God.

The utility of this book is enhanced as the author enlightens the reader to other views, and shows the way of Scripture, and then presents the balanced truth of Bible prophecy that is easily understood and thoroughly convincing. He is fair and just in his treatment of alternative views.

Of course, as with all Scripture, the Bible centers on Jesus Christ, and is not properly read or understood until it leads to Him. Bible prophecy calls for people everywhere to fear God. Benware states, "When we contemplate the future through the lens of God's Word, we cannot help but be awed by His wisdom, power, and love. He will reign in majesty and glory, and His children will experience fullness of joy. Bible prophecy is no child's fairy tale, and yet the endings are the same—"and they lived happily ever after." Happy Reading!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

March / April 2007

Rev. H. M. Parson ..... March 1

Rev. Marvin Rogers ..... March 3

Rev. Robert Overton ..... March 18

Rev. Blanche Pollard ..... March 24

Rev. James Herring ..... March 26

Rev. Fred Jones ..... March 26

Rev. Eva Brown ..... March 28

Rev. Della Stewart ..... March 29

Rev. Patricia Johnson ..... April 2

Rev. Vera Griffin ..... April 7

Rev. Jesse Horne ..... April

Rev. G. S. Holliday ..... April 11

Rev. Richard Waters ..... April 13

Rev. W. J. Forehand ..... April 17

Rev. Rodney Knowles ..... April 23

Rev. Jettie Parker ..... April 24

Rev. Elton Lancaster ..... April 27

Rev. Guy Prosper ..... April 29

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." (Luke 10:2)

"Stay In Touch" is a ministry of the IPHC Women's Ministries. The purpose is to encourage our active IPHC missionaries by staying in touch with them through cards, letters, and prayer support.

The North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries has been assigned four missionaries and their families for us to "Stay In Touch." E-mail and letters help keep these special families from feeling isolated. Here are some great insert ideas for your letters or small packages:

- Church news
- Comic strips
- News clippings of interest
- Tape or CD of your pastor's latest sermon series
- Blank greeting cards for the missionaries to use
- Remember birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays

All letters and packages for missionaries are sent to: Missionary Name, P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157. (All mail is forwarded weekly to each missionary).

Let's do our part in support of these men and women who have obeyed the call God has placed on their lives to *go*.... Not only will they be blessed, but you will also. Remember, *"Together we can make a difference."*

In His Amazing Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

Missionary Assignments:

Districts: Clinton, Fayetteville and Lumberton:
- James & Joyce Ward

Districts: Goldsboro, Greenville and Raleigh:
- Ron & Sharon Wooten

Districts: Morehead, New Bern and Wilson:
- Matthew & Femke Helland

Districts: Rocky Mount, Williamston and Wilmington:
- Tim & Beth Salley

(If you have any questions about your missionary assignment, please contact Terry Ann Boyette, (919) 738-2556).

POTPOURRI....

- *Repair a scratch on your vinyl floor by putting a piece of aluminum foil over the scratch and running a warm iron over it. The foil conducts enough heat to mold the edges of the scratch together.*
- *If your lasagna pan is difficult to clean, place a dryer sheet in the pan and fill with boiling water. Let cool and wash. The pan will wipe clean easily.*
- *Use a sports water bottle as a watering can for indoor plants. It's lightweight, and you can direct the water wherever you need it.*

Culbreth Memorial WMs Treat Missionettes

Mrs. Connie Dunning, WM director, invited the girls and ladies to the assembly room, where they awaited a surprise guest, Mr. Wayne Lucas, an assistant fire chief with the local volunteer fire department. The girls and ladies were taken for a ride on two fire trucks. After returning to the church, everyone gathered outside for a campfire and cookout. Mrs. Karen Lucas played guitar and led the group in singing praise and worship choruses. A brief devotion was presented by Mrs. Cindy Hicks, entitled "My Life is a Spark for the World." Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Thanks for sharing this great idea!

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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RESPONSE REQUESTED!

During January, the Royal Rangers National Council and the Men's Ministries Conference Summit came together in a meeting called ***Bridging Our Ministries***.

For three days, we shared with one another concerning the importance of men working with boys. One of our local chapters started this year off with their theme being "Band of Brothers." By the end of the conference, that is exactly what we felt like: a band of brothers, our elbows locked tight with one another, standing shoulder to shoulder, and headed in the same direction with the same intentions of helping a boy.

Sam McHaffie said it better: *"It is easier to save a boy than to mend a man."* I think the time is here to bridge **all** of our ministries and work together to build God's kingdom from boys to men. Our boys are not only the future, but also the present.

We need to work together, and the only way we can do that is to communicate. **Please respond to this request:** *I need every man who comes in contact with this article to send me your name, phone number, street address, and e-mail address.* That way we can get information to you about what is going on.

Also, please let me know if we can come to your church and share Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers with you.

God bless you,
Ronnie Basden

Please get your response to Ronnie Basden by mail, phone, or email at:
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Dates to Remember:
September 14 and 15, 2007
Men's Advance, *Character Counts*
Falcon, NC
Guest Speaker: Rod Handley from Kansas City, MO

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Protecting the Heritage

My husband made the statement recently that one of his responsibilities as superintendent was to protect the heritage of our churches. We were talking about church property and what our ancestors went through to purchase property for the church and then have it deeded to the conference for legal reasons. Because of this, his responsibility was to protect the heritage of those who started that church and brought it to where it is now.

Oh, that our responsibility were as strong toward our heritage. We need to feel this responsibility toward our church, our forefathers and -mothers, and especially for the heritage of those who follow us. We tend to go through life with thoughts of what is to be done that day and what we will do tomorrow, but never thinking of protecting what we already have unless it is threatened in some way.

Many of us live every day with work to be done and no thought of what has been done for us to bring us where we are now. Who were your parents, and what kind of people were they? Did your mother teach you to knit or crochet, or did she show you how to draw a horse or a tractor? Did your father teach you how to use a hammer or drive a nail into a piece of wood? Did your parents take you to church or Sunday school, or did they teach you manners and the right way to sit or stand? There are so many details about our parents that our children don't even know about their grandparents. My mother died before our boys were born, so there is much they don't know about her. This is one responsibility I have to our boys and their families: to let them know that my mother was a loving person and that she would give them or anyone else what they needed. If she bought something and I liked it, she would give it to me. I soon learned not to like everything she brought home.

Do you remember a minister that took extra time with you? Do you remember a precious saint who sat down with you and encouraged you when you were going through a hard time in your Christian walk? These are all times that need to be written down and passed on to your family and the family of the other person. The local church also needs a record of the lives of some of its members.

We need to protect our personal family heritage, but how much more important is our church family heritage! We learn much from those who have gone before us. We have been given much, and many times we don't even know how it came to us. Search into your church history and see who were the heroes of your faith! Learn the stories of how Sister So-and-So got saved in a tent meeting, and then her father gave the church so many acres of land to build a permanent church building. Hear the story of the church that was started in a cow barn or tobacco curing barn. Learn how all of the ladies of the church had quilting nights and sold the quilts to pay off the church debt.

Be curious! Talk to all of the older adults in your church and community to find out any information about the church and its people. Be sure to tape or video these talks or interviews. There is so much to be learned! Remember that when these older people die and leave us, all of this information is gone! The information is not only gone, but sometimes the family members do not have any idea of the importance of some of the pictures or papers that are left behind. I have heard of families going in and dividing up everything and throwing away anything else. Please consider what might be important to the church or your conference archives.

Let's sum this all up by saying, "Protect your heritage." One way we can protect our heritage is to do as other cultures have done. We need to pass on the stories that filled our lives with awe. Teach the Missionettes group some of the crafts that you learned growing up. Teach your daughters how to make the best homemade sugar cookie dough (the kind that you can eat raw, while rolling it out on the table). Tell about those "unforgettable characters" who made a lasting impression on your life. We have so much to be thankful for, and we do need to protect all that is available to us before it is too late!

Here is a listing of some of the permanently valuable records:

1. Origins of the Church: Charter or any official papers or deeds; history of the beginning or historical sketches, etc.
2. Departments: Christian Education, Women's Ministries, Youth Department, Outreach, Benevolence, World Missions, etc.
3. Policy documents: Minutes, annual reports, legal records and budget records, etc.
4. Publications and Publicity Materials: Advocate or other periodicals, church bulletins, pamphlets, manuals, brochures, charts, posters, etc.
5. Internal Management: How policies were implemented; How programs were carried out; What problems were encountered; Reports of prayer, praise, and victory.
6. Information about Persons, Things, Miracles of God: Biographical information about church people, Files that relate to important historical persons, episodes or events.
7. Miscellaneous: Photographs (identified), scrapbooks, registers, artifacts, etc.

My prayer is that God will give you a desire to find out the history of your church and to ever protect and preserve it for those that follow you. What will you leave for those that come after you?

Archives Training

Our annual Archives Training is coming up on Saturday, March 24, at the Conference Cafeteria. Our special guests will be Rev. Danny Rollins, who will be presenting the History of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, through the eyes of Rev. G. F. Taylor. We will also have Mrs. Ann Stocks, a member of the St. Paul P.H. Church and librarian at East Carolina University, who will share some of her knowledge of research and preservation with us. We will also have one of our church historians to share some of her joys and trials in researching her church's history. This is not definite as of this writing. Please plan to come and be sure to register with our office.

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The World We Live In

Nehemiah 9:2, 3 says, "The seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of the fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God."

So many times when we go into a church or a church-sponsored event, as we look around, we don't know who is a Christian just by looking anymore. Even 20 years ago, we could pretty well tell who was a Christian and who was not just by looking at the way people dressed or the way they acted. I know in today's world, I would be called out for even saying such a thing, but this was just the way things were at one time. Our boys used to scold me for saying things a certain way when all I said was what I had grown up with throughout my life. As time passes, we learn to be a lot more careful with how we say things so as to not offend anyone. People seem to be a little more sensitive these days also.

Recently I read a book review in the *IssacharFile*, which is on the website for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The book was titled *Speaking to the Secular Mind* by Bill Hybels. Mr. Hybels mentions some of the differences between the world we live in today and what we might have known in years past. To quote Mr. Hybels, "There was a time when your word was a guarantee, when marriage was permanent, when ethics were assumed. Not so very long ago, heaven and hell were unquestioned, and caring for the poor was an obvious part of what it meant to be a decent person. Conspicuous consumption was frowned upon because it was conspicuous. The label 'self-centered' was to be avoided at all costs, because it said something horrendous about your character. Today, all of that has changed. Not only is it different, but people can hardly remember what the former days were like."

Mr. Hybels goes on to say that the way we approach people about their relationship with the Lord is much different from what it used to be. When non-Christians come through the door of a church these days, their opinion is tinted and flavored with all kinds of opinions and views of who God is. We really have to work at how to approach someone about Christ. So many people don't even know who their fathers are, much less have a lasting relationship with them, that they have no concept of God as a father figure.

In observing the changes in my lifetime, I have learned to appreciate people even more than I probably would have if I had the opportunity years ago. I have learned to observe people and love them for their good points. If we keep all the attitudes and opinions that we had, say, 20 years ago, we might feel that we are in this all alone and that no one loves Jesus anymore. But that's not a true observation of Christians today. Things have changed, but that's not all bad.

Because of having three young men grow into manhood within the last thirty years, we have had to consider what is right and wrong for us in many areas. We have gone through the rock band years and are now in the praise and worship era. God has given us so much to be thankful for, in that we have three sons and their wives who are dedicated Christians and love the Lord with all their hearts. We do not take that for granted because we still live in a sin-infested world, and Satan is a liar and thief and will continually try to steal and to kill. Prayer makes the difference in any situation.

My encouragement to you is to pray and seek God's face concerning your life and the lives of your loved ones. Let us ever encourage one another, love one another, and pray for one another. We are encouraged to reach out to those around us. Jesus blessed people as He went on His way through the everyday happenings in His life. We have to wake up and reach those hurting people around us. That's what we are here for, not to just live our lives for ourselves and what we can achieve in this world.

I believe we are even in the sunset of time and we should be more concerned with prayer and fasting for answers to our problems or situations. As the scriptures say, "...This only comes by prayer and fasting." We are fighting a battle, and it is coming down to the last encounter with the enemy. As Christians, let's support one another and not tear down. Let's pull ourselves apart from those around us and spend more time with the Lord in earnest prayer and reading of His word, that we may have the mind of Christ in all that we do. If we have never fasted before, we need to start now to dedicate our whole being to Christ and His purposes on this earth.

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" (Philippians 3:10).

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Horace and Helen Warwick

Where Are They Now...?

Ruby and Norman Hood

Norman Hood has always been a man of action. He was 28 years old when the Lord saved him in 1952 in a tent revival in Swansboro, NC. Almost immediately, he knew what God had called him to do. By 1955 he had been ordained and was assigned his first church. But when the desire to lead others to the Lord burns in your heart, as it did in his, you don't waste time! Ruby and Norman were married in 1945, and she has shared equally in their fruitful ministry, which has spanned over 51 years. From 1964-67, he served as a conference evangelist and even now serves as secretary of the Evangelism Unit of the Wilmington District. They faithfully attend the Good News Ministries Church in Jacksonville, where he serves as an elder and Sunday school teacher. He preaches every third Sunday night and at other times when called upon by his pastor, Rev. Phillip Bland. Ruby is greatly involved in the various ministries of the church as well. Norman and Ruby do a lot of traveling to the homes of their children and grandchildren, who live in Oklahoma, Texas, and Charlotte, NC. To keep in good physical shape, Norman says, "I run the vacuum cleaner for Ruby and cut the grass with a push mower." Together, they tend a small garden. They are happy in God's service and enjoy their retirement.

George and Gladys Weaver

George, the second of 13 children born to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Weaver, came to the Lord when he was 21 years old. Soon he was preaching the Gospel with his father and brother Samuel ... and he hasn't stopped since! He joined the conference in 1962 and was assigned the Grifton Church. That started Gladys and him on a pastoral journey that would continue for the next 37 years. Even after retirement, he went back to his home church and pastored it for five years. George underwent extensive spine surgery in March 2006, causing him to resign his church. However, he has been gloriously healed and is back sharing the gospel at every opportunity. No one could have been a better companion or supported him more than his faithful wife, Gladys. She is not well, and it is difficult for her to walk. They live in their beautiful home in Mount Olive, NC, and enjoy visiting their three married daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They have lots of local friends and take pride that their oldest grandson, Rev. Brian Rogers, has been called to the ministry and is a member of our conference.

Honoring the Minister's Spouse

For many years, the church has honored the work and ministry of its deceased ministers by presenting to the surviving family a beautiful sold bronze medallion bearing the impression of the official logo of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. It is one of the most impressive and sacred moments in the funeral service. Many have said that it is the equivalent of a fellow soldier presenting the American flag to the family at the funeral of one who has paid the supreme price in the service of his country.

But there has never been a corresponding act of appreciation developed for the minister's spouse. All of us know, especially the minister, that the spouse carries an equal load of responsibility, whether the minister serves in an elected office or as the pastor of a church. The various responsibilities of the spouse in the home and in the church are certainly different, but if it were not for the spouse's assistance, encouragement, and love, the load the minister carries would be much more difficult.

Our conference Retired Ministers Board has discussed this on several occasions. The board felt strongly that we should consult with our leaders at the general level before moving ahead, hoping, perhaps, that whatever was developed could serve to honor the spouses of the entire church. Our leaders at the general level were immediately interested and are working with us to develop this special honor. It is our hope that in the next few months, the details of this special recognition for the minister's spouse will be completed.

Pulpit Given by the Retired Ministers to the New Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle

Last May at the Retired Ministers' Retreat, the retired ministers voted to purchase the pulpit for the new J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle. More than enough money was raised to pay for it. In the above picture, Rev. Wiley Clark assists Rev. Roland Harrell in installing a plaque of recognition on the new pulpit. Thanks to everyone.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Desarrollando Una Pasion

Pablo el apostol dice en 1 Corintios 9:25 "...todo aquel que lucha, de todo se abstiene..." Todo lider y pastor deseamos la realización. Realización de las metas que nos hemos propuesto, realización de los planes y voluntad de Dios, realización en cuanto a rendir un servicio efectivo con grandes resultados; simplemente deseamos realizarnos. Pero para lograr la realización de las cosas debemos estar llenos de pasión. Si tenemos un sueño debemos aprender a desarrollar una pasión por ese sueño. Sin deseos profundos de lograr algo, no iremos a ninguna parte en nuestra vida y no lograremos realizar la tarea que se nos asignó en el ministerio con efectividad. Para tener un deseo y una pasión por ese deseo, es importante saber lo que se quiere. La pasión es el primer paso para la realización.

La pasión es importante porque:

La gente con pasión se convierte en gente poderosa
La gente con pasión genera entusiasmo
La gente con pasión permanece enfocada en sus sueños

Yo hablaba con un pastor acerca de los procesos de crecimiento en la iglesia y las estructuras de discipulado que tanto necesitan nuestras congregaciones. Hablabamos especificamente de una iglesia y de la posibilidad de establecer un plan de crecimiento y discipulado, pero el me dijo algo muy cierto en cuando a lograr una transformación en esa congregación: "Si el pastor no lo desea profundamente, no habrá ningun cambio", esto debido al precio que había que pagar al querer tomar una dirección que requería sacrificio, entrega y dedicación.

Si usted tiene una sueño, ya tiene lo que necesita para proyectar ese sueño: **el deseo**. Pero nunca logrará un sueño sin tener una verdadera hambre de alcanzarlo. Pablo lo expresó de esta manera: "No que lo haya alcanzado ya, ni que ya sea perfecto; sino que prosigo, por ver si logro asir aquello para lo cual fui también asido por Cristo Jesús". Filipenses 3:12.

Maxwell dice: deseos débiles traen resultados flojos, asi como un fuego pequeño produce poco calor. Mientras más fuerte sea tu fuego, más grande será el deseo y más grande el potencial. Para la pasión no hay sustituto. La pasión es el combustible de la voluntad. Si quieres cualquier cosa escasamente, no tendrás la voluntad para lograrlo, así que necesitamos desarrollar una pasión por lo que queremos. Si quieres ver un ministerio fructífero y una iglesia creciente y saludable, tienes que desearlo con una pasión que no te dejará descansar hasta lograrlo, aun con todo y obstáculos que se te presenten en el camino. En Hechos 20:24, el apostol Pablo reveló su pasión y fuego por lograr sus deseos y metas en el ministerio y llamado que había recibido de Dios. "Pero de ninguna cosa hago caso, ni estimo preciosa mi vida para mi mismo, con tal que acabe mi carrera con gozo, y el ministerio que reribí del Señor Jesús..."

Pasion quiere decir: Inclinación impetuosa de la persona hacia lo que desea. Emoción fuerte y continua que domina la razón y orienta toda la conducta.

Si estás desanimado, es decir sin el ánimo necesario para emprender las cosas que Dios te ha llamado a hacer y lograr tus sueños, entonces no está permitiendo que el ejemplo de nuestro amado Señor Jesucristo lo motive. Isaías 53 nos habla de la pasión de Jesús en realización de su llamado y misión en la tierra. El versículo que describe su deseo profundo por lograr su misión es Isaías 53:10-11 "...Cuando haya puesto su vida en expiación por el pecado, verá linaje, vivirá por largos días, y la voluntad de Jehová será en su mano prosperada. Verá el fruto de la aflicción de su alma, y quedará satisfecho..."

Veamos cinco cosas en este texto que pueden ayudar a cambiar nuestra actitud hacia lo que estamos haciendo:

1. Darlo todo. Dé todo lo que pueda, haga el máximo de su esfuerzo
2. Espere resultados. Lo que usted hace no es en vano
3. Disfruta lo que está haciendo, vívelo, celébralo
4. Asegure la voluntad de Dios para su vida. Hacer la voluntad de Dios es fuente de gran inspiración. Está haciendo lo que Dios le dijo? Entonces es cuando usted puede decir: Dios me llamó, me encomendó una tarea, es a El a quien debo agradar.
5. Celebre cada victoria, cada logro, todo alcance y permita esa sensación de satisfacción en su alma, que Dios desea brindarle.

Solamente líderes apasionados logran alcanzar los deseos de tu corazón. Cuán apasionado eres respecto de tu vida y tu ministerio? Se nota que eres apasionado? No permita que la vida y las circunstancias lo saquen del camino. Recupera tu antiguo entusiasmo, o ponle mas fuego al que tienes ahora.

Informacion de la Obra Hispana en Nuestra Conferencia

1. Tres nuevas iglesias hispanas han dado inicio en lo que vamos de este año: Winterville con los hermanos Luis y Marta Garro. Edenton con el hermano Arnoldo Santibañez y Wilson con el hermano Jerónimo Torres.
2. Manuel Rayes es el nuevo director del comité del distrito Norte y Joel Pava es el director del comité del distrito Sur. Nuestra felicitación a ellos.
3. Las pasadas clases de INE estuvieron nutridas con una gran asistencia de120 estudiantes. Las próximas clases de INE serán el 25 y 26 de mayo.

Oremos por Algunos Desafios

1. El proyecto de construcción de su nuevo templo de la iglesia El Tabernáculo del Evangelio en Dunn y sus pastores Fernando y Mary Angulo.
2. Por un crecimiento sano e iglesias hispanas saludables en nuestra Conferencia.
3. Por nuevos líderes y obreros para la plantación de nuevas iglesias.
4. Por sabiduría para el comité de liderazgo hispano y el supervisor Luis Avila
5. Por el logro de las metas y proyectos para este año 2007

Developing a Passion

Paul the Apostle says in 1 Corinthians 9:25, "Everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things." All leaders and pastors want the realization of the goals we have set before us, realization of the plans and will of God, realization as we give effective service with big results; simply, we want the realization of all things. But in order to achieve the realization of things, we should be full of passion. If we have a dream, we should learn how to develop a passion for that dream. Without deep desires to achieve something, we won't go anywhere in our lives, and we won't be able to carry out with effectiveness the task that was assigned to us. In order to have a desire and a passion for that desire, it is important to know what we want most. Passion is the first step toward realization.

Passion is important because:

The people with passion become powerful people.
The people with passion generate enthusiasm.
The people with passion remain focused in their dreams.

The other day I spoke with a pastor about the process of growth in the church and the structures of discipleship that we need so much in our congregations. We spoke specifically about a church and the possibility of establishing a plan for growth and discipleship, but he told me something very important in order to achieve a transformation in that congregation: "If the pastor doesn't want it deeply, there won't be any change," because there is a necessary price to pay in wanting to take a new direction that requires sacrifice, devotion, and dedication.

If you have a dream, you already have what you need in order to project that dream: **the desire**. But you will never achieve a dream without having a true hunger to reach it. Paul expressed in this way: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me" (Philippians 3:12).

Rev. Maxwell says weak desires bring slack results, as well as a small fire produces little heat. The stronger your fire, the bigger will be the desire and the potential. For passion there is no substitute. Passion is the fuel of the will. If you scarcely want anything, you won't have the will to achieve it, so we need to develop a passion for what we want. If you want to see a fruitful ministry and a growing and healthy church, you have to want it with a passion that won't allow you to rest until you achieve it, even with all the obstacles that the road presents to you. In Acts 20:24, the Apostle Paul revealed his passion and fire by achieving his desires and goals in the ministry and a call that he had received from God. "None of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the Gospel of the grace of God."

Passion means a person's impetuous inclination toward what he or she wants; strong and continuous emotion that dominates the reason and guides the whole conduct.

If you are discouraged—I mean without the necessary spirit to undertake the things God has been called you to do and achieve your dreams—then you are not permitting the example of our Lord Jesus Christ to motivate you. Isaiah 53 talks to us about the passion of Jesus in the realization of His call and mission on the earth. The verse that describes His deep desire to achieve His mission is Isaiah 53:10-11: "…Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When you make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied…"

Let's look at five things in this text that could help us to change our attitude toward what we are doing:

1. Give everything to Him. Give all that you are able to give; make the most of your effort.
2. Wait for results. What you are doing is not in vain.
3. Enjoy what you are doing, live it, and celebrate it.
4. Make sure that you are doing the will of God in your life. Doing the will of God is a source of great inspiration. Are you doing what God called you do? Then in that situation you can say, "God called me, He commended me a task, and He is the One whom I should please."
5. Celebrate each victory, each achievement, and as you reach for Him, allow that sensation of satisfaction in your soul, the satisfaction that God wants to give you.

Only passionate leaders are able to reach the desires of their heart. How passionate are you regarding your life and your ministry? Can everybody see that you are passionate? Don't permit life and circumstances take you out of the road. Recover your old enthusiasm, or add more fire to that which you have now.

Information on the Hispanic Ministry in Our Conference

1. Three new Hispanic churches have begun so far this year: Winterville with Luis and Marta Garro, Edenton with Rev. Arnoldo Santibañez, and Wilson with Jerónimo Torres.
2. Manuel Reyes is the new director for the North District Committee, and Joel Pava is the director of the South District Committee. We congratulate them.
3. The past class of INE had a great attendance of 120 students. The next classes of INE will be May 25-26.

Pray for Some Challenges

1. For the construction project of the church Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn and their pastors, Fernando and Mary Angulo.
2. For healthy growth and healthy Hispanic churches in our conference.
3. For new leaders and workers for the planting of new churches.
4. Wisdom for the Hispanic leadership committee and the supervisor, Luis Avila.
5. For the achievement of the goals and projects for this year 2007.

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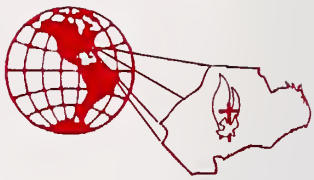

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

In the last two weeks I've had the privilege to visit and preach in two of the newer churches in the conferences. Let me share with you what God is doing at New Creation PH Church in Havelock, NC, and at Destiny Outreach Church in Harrells, NC.

New Creation – Havelock, NC

I was extended the invitation to preach and participate in a special day at New Creation on January 28. The pastor is Rev. Myrtle Jayroe, a great lady full of energy, creativity, and the power of the Holy Spirit. January 28 was the anniversary of four years of ministry at New Creation. Reverends Jack and Myrtle Jayroe, a very special and unique pastoral couple, were assigned to New Creation on January 2003. The church had struggled for several years, and the conference had come to the point of simply closing the church and reinvesting the sale of the property into other church plants. The Jayroes, who lived in the Havelock area, were burdened with the church's plight and called the conference to request the opportunity to reopen the church, and, as they say, "the rest is history." The Jayroes began with bathing the church with prayer, and people began to come. As they have utilized their great people skills and faithful ministry as a team, the congregation has grown steadily. The congregation is multiethnic, and there is a special sense of togetherness. The presence of the Holy Spirit is powerful. Brother Jayroe was promoted home two years ago; he, too, was a man full of energy, motivation, and the power of the Holy Spirit. For two years they enjoyed a great ministry together at New Creation. When Brother Jayroe passed on, Sister Jayroe very successfully carried on the ministry. On January 28 I enjoyed a great time of worship and praise, as powerful and moving as I have experienced. The makeup of those on the praise team and of those who were charged with carrying out different ministry aspects of the church reflects the multiethnic structure of the congregation.

Pastor Jayroe has selected as associate pastor Rev. John Tootle, an African-American brother who beams with the presence of God. I enjoyed a fantastic Sunday school lesson from him on that morning from John 15. I was then privileged to preach to a receptive congregation of over 70 people. We had a great altar service, with people seeking God, anointing and praying for the sick; the service then concluded with Communion. Praise God for Jack and Myrtle Jayroe and their lifetime of ministry. Sister Jayroe began her fifth year on February 4 with no sign of letting up or retiring. By the way, both Jack and Myrtle were 80-plus years of age when they assumed the pastorate at New Creation in 2003. So much for retiring!

Destiny Outreach – Harrells, NC

On February 4 I was honored to attend Destiny Outreach church. The pastor, Rev. Rodney Hall, began the work in the summer of 2006. He and his leadership have a great vision of not only planting this church; their vision includes multicampus Bible colleges and the planting of other churches. They are well involved in fulfilling that goal.

Services began on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., not in the usual locale of a rented storefront or hosted in another existing church building, but in a John Deere dealership! It is located just off Hwy. 421 South in Harrells, NC, approximately 25 miles south of Clinton.

The atmosphere and spirit of the service were exciting and anointed. The greeters and welcome center were in place, and the people were warm and very receptive. We had a great time of prayer with the leaders before the service. The worship experience was tremendous and caused us all to be keenly aware of the presence of God—yes, even in a John Deere dealership. The group of over 35 people, made up largely of young families, were receptive to the Word of the Lord, and we had a great time of prayer at the conclusion of the message. I have no doubt that with Pastor Hall's leadership and vision, this church will be tremendously successful in fulfilling God's Destiny.

2006 was a great year with new/organized churches and a number of accounts of existing churches experiencing revival and a harvest of souls.

2006 NEW OR ORGANIZED CHURCHES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

Baywood Hispanic—Fayetteville
Breakthrough Revival Center—Greenville
Culbreth Memorial Hispanic—Falcon
Destiny Outreach—Harrells
Dublin Hispanic—Dublin
Farmville Hispanic—Farmville
Greater Mount Paran Assembly—Wilson
Ivanhoe Hispanic—Ivanhoe
Kingdom Place Cultural Ctr.—Wake County
Kingdom Place—Lumberton
Monticello Hispanic—Monticello, KY
New Destiny—Greenville
New Rebirth Hispanic—Lumberton
North Raleigh Hispanic—Raleigh
Rockingham Hispanic—Rockingham
Tabernacle Hispanic—Goldsboro
The Journey—Plainview
Zebulon Hispanic—Zebulon

We also praise God for a great year in World Missions Ministry. When you read this article, we will be in the middle of our 2007 Great Commission Meals. I know that the response will be great and that we will be well on our way to achieving the goal of $310,000 for Global Outreach 2007.

With great appreciation to every pastor, local Missions director, and congregation, I am happy to tell you that ***we reached our 2006 Goal in Global Outreach***—$300,200! With that figure, the North Carolina Conference gave $1,594,434.08 in total Missions giving in 2006! To God be the glory, and thank you for participating and making the "**investment in eternity**."

2007 MODEL CHURCH STRATEGY SESSIONS

This year's **Model Church Strategy (MCS)** sessions will be divided into six segments of two districts each. The first meetings (April-June) will be conducted at one location within the segment, and the last three meetings (July-October) will be conducted at another location within the segment. The fee will be $150 per church for *all* the training. Churches will need to preregister. Churches are encouraged to attend the MCS training at the nearest location(s), not necessarily in their geographic zone. *I encourage all pastors, associate pastors, ministers, and church leadership members to sign up and attend all six of the training sessions.*

	DATES	TIME	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR
LUMBERTON & WILMINGTON DISTRICT MCS				
Lumberton District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Wilmington First PH	Phillip Bland
Wilmington District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Elizabethtown PH	Ray Faircloth
NEW BERN & MOREHEAD CITY DISTRICT MCS				
New Bern District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	New Covenant PH, New Bern	Tom Johnston
Morehead City District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Smryna PH, Smyrna	Jonathan Griffin
CLINTON & FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT MCS				
Clinton District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Clinton 1st PH	Jeff Bartlett
Fayetteville District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Mount Carmel PH, Fayetteville	Ashley Smith
GOLDSBORO & WILSON DISTRICT MCS				
Goldsboro District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Belfast PH, Goldsboro	Doug Bartlett
Wilson District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Wilson First PH	Vance Harrell
ROCKY MOUNT & RALEIGH DISTRICT MCS				
Rocky Mount District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Ebenezer PH, Nashville	Vernon Potter
Raleigh District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Hope PH, Clayton	Luke Long
GREENVILLE & WILLIAMSTON DISTRICT MCS				
Greenville District	April 3—May 1—June 5	7:00-9:00pm	Grimesland PH	Allen Mayo
Williamston District	July 10—August 21—Oct.2	7:00-9:00pm	Williamston 1st PH	Paul Edwards

The **Hispanic MCS Sessions will also be held monthly for six months. Their dates will be the Monday before each of the English locations (April 2, April 30, June 4, July 9, August 20, Oct. 1). Locations: TBA; Instructors: Fernando Angulo and Luis Avila

Pastors and ministers, ***do not*** *miss this opportunity* to take your church to the next level! For more information or to register, please call the conference World Missions office at 910-980-1162.

World Intercession Network

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Personal Growth in Wilderness Times Knowing and Trusting God

Purpose of Wilderness:

- To purify.
- To seek His heart, not just His provision.
- To mature us.
- Character is developed.
- The fruit of the Spirit is cultivated.

THE WILDERNESS: Job 23:8-10
Defining Wilderness – 1 Cor. 10:11; Phil. 4:11-13

- A dry place.
- Dry spiritually, financially, socially, physically.
- Here God gives: "daily bread," not "abundance of things."
- He meets our needs in this time, not our wants.
- God knows what you need in these times (not what you think you need).
- When abundant time comes, we don't forget that it was the Lord, our God, who gave us abundance in order to establish His Covenant – Deut. 8:2-18.
- God's heart is people, not self ambition.

TIME OF TESTING – Num. 11:4-6; Ex. 15:20-24
Our Examples – 1 Cor. 10:1-4

- God allows you to be hungry.
- God provision is given, 40 days of diet (manna).
- Not what flesh wants but what it needs (manna).
- Wear the same clothes for 40 years (outdated) – what they need – Deut. 8:3.
- God removed anything that would have satisfied the desire and want of their flesh, yet met their need.
- God wanted to know if they desired Him.
- God wanted to know if they would seek Him – Num. 11:4-6.
- They complained and asked for meat. God gave it to them – Psa. 106:15; 78:29-30; Ex. 16:2-3.
- Meat, "leanness of soul," unfit to endure, unable to pass test – did not enter the Promised Land.
- This meat showed dissatisfied with God in their hearts.
- Dissatisfied with God's methods of leading; they desired the former things (forgot captivity).
- They were overthrown in the wilderness – 1 Cor. 10:5. ***God wants to see if you seek His hand or His face.***
- His face represents: His character, His nature – (this denoted relationship).
- His hands represents: His provision, power (you may not recognize His face if you seek only His hand; some just seek His Promises [benefits] and not the "Promiser"). ***If you know God's face, you will know His hand.***

Let's seek *who He is!*

- Maturity – seek Him for who and what He is.
- Immaturity – His hand (self-motivated) Jn. 6:22-26.
- Examples of those in wilderness times – 1 Cor. 10:1-4; Heb. 3:10; Phil. 3:13-14.
    - Lusted after evil.
    - Pursued idols.
    - Sexual immorality.
    - Tempted the Lord.
    - Complained against God.
    - God was not pursued by Israel – Ex. 20:18.

- Moses was a man that:
    - Drew near to God – Ex. 20:21.
    - A man of influence and power.
        - Three million in congregation.
        - Signs and wonders followed him.
        - Was not satisfied. Ex. 33:13-18 – wanted God's presence.
        - "I will not be satisfied until I see your glory"
        - Dan.11:32

The high call is knowing God – Phil. 3:10; Ex. 33:11.

Some notes have been taken from the book *Victory in the Wilderness* by John Bevere.

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FAMILY MINISTRIES:
Claiming Our Families for Christ

Dwight Dunning, CEM Asst. Director

Researchers across the country, both secular and religious, are in agreement. "Family" is and will remain the basic building block of society, as well as the Church. But if families are weak, society and churches will be weak. As the parent is, so will be the child. If our church families are in trouble, our churches will quickly notice the effects too.

Statistics about families always seem appalling. For instance, in America 3,000 children a day see their parents divorce. Forty percent will go to bed tonight without a father present in the home. Of households with children in America today, less than half (45%) are biological nuclear families; 21% are step families; 27% are single-parent families (87% living with their mothers); 5% are grandparent-headed families; and 2% are cohabitating couple families.

Every individual in your church represents a family. With the tremendous changes in society that have taken place in recent years, the family cannot be viewed in a stereotypical fashion. A key word to describing families is *diversity*. We may not always like what we see when we look at the various types of families that exist in our communities and churches, but the reality is that diversity exists, and the gospel must reach these families where they exist.

Family ministries are for the purpose of building strong families in our churches. Family Ministry should not be looked on as some type of extra program or department that is added to our church for this purpose, but rather as pervasive attitudes and behaviors that influence every ministry of the church.

Family Ministry is based on Jesus Christ. It strives to assist families in building their homes on Him. Ministry to families offers forgiveness, healing, and strength for families of all shapes and sizes by guiding them to the cross and empty tomb of Christ the Crucified.

The aim of Family Ministry is that every family become, by the grace of God, a spiritually growing, responsible, Christian family unit. It embraces helping parents in the Christian nurture of their children; helping families establish and maintain meaningful family devotions; guiding and inspiring families to be Christian households; living by Christian standards; helping child, youth, and adults develop a Christian view of sex; preparing youth and adults for marriage as a godly vocation; and winning, assimilating, and maintaining families for Christ.

God made the home the center of worship and religious training. It not only conveys physical life but is God's primary institution to insert the life in Christ into each generation (Gen. 18:19; Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:1-4). The home is the cradle of personality, the most potent teaching agency, the chief unit in evangelism, the best barrier against evil, the keeper of culture, the bulwark of the Church, and the cornerstone of the nation. Research indicates very high correlations between consistent Christianity and successful marriage.

New stresses have been placed on the family by countless changes in society. Life in the postmodern world has greatly increased the incidence of separation, divorce, broken homes, and delinquency. Home and church need each other more than ever before. Research by psychologists, sociologists, and welfare workers has cast new light on family relations. It is logical that the church should take the lead because it alone has the regenerating power of the Gospel of Christ, the love and concern of the Good Shepherd, and the teaching facilities and agencies to carry out a balanced program of family ministry.

We have a responsibility as a church to build strong families. No other institution is effectively stepping up to the challenge. No other institution has the power and resources to save our families like the church. We must—for such a time as this—step up to the challenge and claim our families for Christ.

ATTENTION ALL MISSIONETTES & GIRLS' MINISTRIES LEADERS

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2) The **Registration Fee** ($75.00) is payable to IPHC Girls' Ministries by **March 31**. This registration fee will include an event t-shirt, 3 fun-filled hours at Asheville's Fun Depot, other outdoor activities at Ridgecrest, and fun give-away items.

Who can attend?

- Open to **ALL** girls in grades 3 through 12 which corresponds to Stars, Friends, and Girls Only clubs if you have Missionettes. (Breakout sessions geared to specific age groups with combined evening services.)

What about the schedule?

- Check-in (3:00 p.m.) and registration on Friday afternoon, July 27; dinner will be the first meal served; kick-off service that evening
- Conclude with breakfast and a ***power-charged, rock-the-world*** celebration on July 30. (You can be on your way home by noon.)

How do I learn more?

- Contact your local or conference Girls' Ministries/Missionettes coordinator
- Visit **girls.iphc.org/event.html** to keep up with details on speakers, etc.

Mission M25

Jail – Prison / Rehabilitation
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"As ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our annual conference-wide summit meeting with Rev. Gary Burd will be held on Saturday morning, April 28, 2007 (9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.), at the Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holinesss Church in Falcon, NC.

We will be presenting in detail "Mission M25 in the North Carolina Conference." Do you want to see any of the Mission M25 Ministries active in your church? We will explain how to get started, and we will make our resources available to you. This is the best time to get started. There will be ample time for questions and answers. Bring a good delegation from your church!

Rev. Gary Burd (Amarillo, Texas) serves as the national liaison for M25 Ministries and is a board member of Evangelism USA, Okalahoma City, Oklahoma. Mission M25 is a ministry of the Evangelism Department of the North Carolina Conference. Ministers, three Continuing Education Units may be earned by attending this meeting.

Pastors, Gary would especially like for you to come to this meeting. He will be talking about "Run for the Wall." This is the annual Mission M25 major biker outreach. This bike run started in California last year and ended in Washington, D.C.

For more information, please contact Rev. Steve Enloe (Mission M25 conference point man) at 910-425-7474.

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Our Poster Retired Ministers for 2007

Our **Poster Retired Ministers for 2007 are the Rev. King E. and Janice White**. This wonderful couple has spent a lifetime in service to their fellowman and the kingdom of God.

King E. White was born on January 11, 1929, in a small community called Bear Grass, located just outside Williamston, North Carolina. He was the fourth of eight children born to Palmer and Mattie Whichard White. As a child, King experienced a lot of sickness, which caused him to miss two years of his elementary education, but God's plan was unfolding in his life, and God healed him. He was able to continue school and graduated in 1949 from Williamston High School, where he played the trumpet in the school's marching band.

King's spiritual heritage began long before he was born, as both of his grandfathers served as elders of the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church. His mother was the spiritual leader of the family and home. Her dedication to God influenced all her children to come to Christ.

King was offered a full scholarship to pharmacy school by the owner of Clark's Drug Store in Williamston, where he worked as a teenager during his high school years. Instead, he decided in 1949 to attend Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina, and graduated in 1952. He joined the NC Conference in 1950 and was ordained in 1952.

During his years as a student at Holmes Bible College, King met his soul mate and life companion, **Janice Melba Head**. They were married on June 28, 1952, following King's graduation from Holmes.

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

2006 – A Year of Miracles

Everyone has a song. Some sing of despair. Some sing of hope. Some sing of the future. Some sing of the past. My favorite soul song is Psalm 103:1, 2. I catch myself singing this little chorus while walking, driving, and even in the midst of adversity. Sometimes the words jump out of me when I am in a line. Many have been the occasions when I realize I'm singing out loud. I know by the stares.

Allow me to sing my song as I reflect on 2006. "Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." It was a great year. Praise His name!

Please note the following statistics. Study and reflect on each column and each statement.

	Members	SBS*	A.M. Worship	Churches
2006	28,635	12,282	20,033	221
2005	27,613	11,789	18,826	208
Difference	1,022	493	1,207	13
	3.7%	4.2%	6.4%	6.3%

Ministers' tithes increased from $896,327.66 to $989,091.33. This was an increase of $92,763.67, or a net gain of 10.3%. We came very close to $1 million. May we surpass that goal this year.

The conference budget increased from $917,160.28 to $972,274.90. This was an increase of $55,114.62, or a net gain of 6%. This was in the midst of a cutback of $150,000 due to the one-line report.

The general budget increased from $771,374.02 to $894,489.85. This was an increase of $123,115.83, or a net gain of 16%. Presiding Bishop Leggett and others in Oklahoma City have expressed their deep appreciation.

Regular missions (excluding DRUSA) increased by $103,000 to $1,594,000 (7.2%). Thank you, Lord, and thank you, faithful churches, pastors, and Director Danny Nelson and all his helpers.

I cannot describe how thankful I am for these statistics. Yes, they are only figures on a sheet of paper, but they reflect people, hard work, faith, etc. The Lord is at work in our midst!

The number of new churches listed here, 13, is a net increase; we also closed 6 churches last year. Churches do get sick and die, just like people. The difference is what happens after their demise. In North Carolina the inheritance is turned around and invested in new churches.

In 1996 the staff at the RDC and boards adopted the following goals. These were adopted after prayer and fasting. They were faith goals. Notice how close we are to these. In the number of churches, we surpassed the goal. Praise the Lord!

	Membership	SBS*	A.M. Worship	Churches
Goals for 2006	29,460	13,090	20,130	220
Actual Figures	28,635	12,282	20,033	221

*SBS is Systematic Bible Study (Sunday school)

We are making good progress. I praise the Lord for the progress. However there is much yet to do.

My desire is that our conference body will reflect the makeup of our communities. We have a long way to go here. Thank the Lord for our first predominantly African-American church last year: Breakthrough Revival Center, Greenville, North Carolina, Pastor Stacy Hilliard. This year Seed of Faith, Fayetteville, has joined the conference. Pastored by Reverend Marvin Smith, this church brings in 150 members. May many others follow.

Our Bible study attendance in our churches must grow. Our people must be taught the Word. They must also know our doctrines.

That is enough for now. Let's just stop and sing our song – "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name." Amen!

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Book Reviews

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A Commentary on Micah

by Bruce K. Waltke. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2007. 490 pages.

In a masterful commentary, one would expect a thorough treatment of the historical and cultural background, provided the commentator believes in the grammaticohistorical method of interpretation. What is surprising about this large commentary is the lack of a vast amount of preliminary historical and cultural information that would give tremendous aid particularly to the pastor or layperson who would be interested in the study of Micah and, perhaps, build some sermons or lectures on this Minor Prophet.

The author provides a few pages of introductory material, and then out the gate he goes, delving into exegesis followed by exposition. The richness of Waltke's vast knowledge, however, is easily discovered through the sound exegetical treatment of the ancient text. Any serious-minded, no-nonsense student of the Word would likely possess volumes of introductory background material anyway, therefore making a large treatment of the historical and cultural background perhaps unnecessary. (One must discern what would be nice and what is absolutely necessary.)

Although Micah needs no augmentation or embellishment, the author sought to allow the book to speak for itself and bring to bear many secondary sources of literature that shed light on its ancient and contemporary meaning. God has spoken through the humble prophet. His Word will convict us, challenge us, and confront us as we read and study carefully. Having this Old Testament commentary alongside, like a personal scholar and friend, would be very helpful indeed.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

April / May 2007

Rev. Clara Williams ..... April 1

Rev. Patricia Johnson ..... April 2

Rev. Vera Griffin ..... April 7

Rev. Jesse Horne ..... April 8

Rev. G. S. Holiday ..... April 11

Rev. W. J. Forehand ..... April 17

Rev. Rodney Knowles ..... April 23

Rev. Jettie Parker ..... April 24

Rev. Elton Lancaster ..... April 27

Rev. Guy Prosper ..... April 29

Rev. Tim Creel ..... May 3

Rev. Ralph Leggett ..... May 17

Rev. Lee Toler ..... May 19

Rev. R. N. Hood ..... May 19

Rev. McElree Purifoy ..... May 28

Rev. Royce Beacham ..... May 29

The voluble Micah addressed the spiritual problems of his times that ring true today, such as social injustice and false religiosity. Isaiah lamented that all Israel, like sheep, went astray, and Micah indicts the prophets for causing them to go astray. True prophets spoke the Word with a burning, holy zeal while the self-appointed false prophets were wishy-washy windbags. Wrapped in the trappings of power, the leaders failed to understand the right use of power. Manipulation of the masses is not a gift of the truly spiritual leader. Since authority is a gift from God, leaders do not use power to forward their own agenda. It is to be shared and used for the benefit of others.

Micah's message prevailed over the false messages of his day because truth prevails. God is merciful, but His longsuffering is not eternal. Micah stood up to address the wrongdoers. His dauntless courage inspires and encourages men and women of God who preach the message of grace and the inevitability of holy judgment that is to come.

Let us be grateful that such a commentary has been written. A long time in preparation, it has finally arrived. If you are planning to teach or preach on Micah, then make diligent effort to buy this commentary. For scholarly biblical exegesis and practical exposition on Micah, the reader will not disappointed. I promise.

God's Indwelling Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments

by James M. Hamilton, Jr. Nashville: B and H Publishing Group. 233 pages.

Unlike the voluminous *God's Empowering Presence*, written by the world-renowned Pentecostal scholar Gordon Fee, this publication focuses primarily on the indwelling of the Spirit. Whereas Fee sought to explain the role of the person of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers, empowering them for ministry, Hamilton, a Bible professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, targets the major salvation-historical shift of when the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe, taking up residence in new temples. It has been my experience through the years that many Christians fail to have an adequate understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. Hamilton makes the case that the Holy Spirit was "not in but with" Old Testament believers.

Well researched, the publication provides valuable lexical and background information concerning the Old and New Testament role of the Holy Spirit. Before Pentecost, the Spirit was not yet given. The new people of God are not in a temple attending a service led by priests; they *are* the temple conducting the service themselves as priests.

Dr. Hamilton helps the reader to think through the theological issues of the indwelling of the Spirit. Regeneration and indwelling are not identical although they occur at the same time. Regeneration takes place in a moment of time while indwelling occurs as an ongoing experience. Christians are not born again over and over again because "he that has the Son has life." Although when a person is born again, he is adopted into the family of God, the regeneration or new life is not the same as adoption. The author contends that prior to the glorification of Jesus Christ, believers were regenerated by the Holy Spirit but not indwelt by Him.

Toward the end of the book, Hamilton very briefly discusses the Spirit baptism and provides some valuable insight into the Greek words translated "filling" and "baptism." The discussion is interesting but falls short of adequately explaining what it means for the Christian and the NT Church. He downplays the role of speaking in tongues on the Day of Pentecost and suggests that only the 12 disciples spoke in tongues, not the 108. Yet the prophecy of Joel did not place a stipulation on God's power to an elite few. Those 120 dedicated and duteous disciples spoke in diverse tongues by God's Spirit, who became the speaker of Scripture, the instigator of missions, a guide for those on mission, an appointer of elders, and the comforter of the Church.

Overall, the book is helpful for the student who wishes to explore more deeply and think more clearly about the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. It is not an exhaustive treatment of the subject by any stretch of the imagination, nor is it the final authority on the subject. In fact, he offers a proposal for belief, rather than stating it in truly convincing terms. Is more research needed to understand adequately the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit? Even those who do not agree with all of his conclusions will profit from this study of the Word of God. Happy reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God."
(Mark 10:14)

Dear Women of God,

One of the greatest responsibilities we have is to teach our children. The Lord has given us a great opportunity to minister through our Missionettes program.

Missionettes puts the biblical Titus 2 principle into action – women mentoring girls. The Fivefold Purpose of Missionettes is:

1. Winning girls to Jesus Christ through love and acceptance.
2. Teaching girls to obey everything Jesus commanded us – helping girls to develop spiritually and mentally.
3. Providing encouragement, support, and accountability through lasting Christian relationships.
4. Providing an environment for girls to develop their gifts and abilities.
5. Acquainting girls with the Great Commission of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In order to teach these young girls, training is available. This year the Missionettes Leadership Training will be held on Saturday, April 21, at the Goldsboro First Church from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Registration fee is $5.00 per person.

Please contact Lydia Mills, our conference GM director, by calling 919-936-2224 to receive additional information.

Remember, *"Together we can make a difference."*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Ministry Opportunities

Many of our elderly and homebound church family members miss being able to join in our worship services.

This is an opportunity to involve women of the church in a visitation ministry. Plans could include visiting persons in the church family who are not able to get out, to share God's Word, and to spend time in prayer.

Also, the month of May is always designated as "Retired Ministers' Month" in our conference. What a great opportunity to honor the retired minister's wife. Invite her to speak at your WM program. These wonderful women have served our churches unselfishly. Let's express our love to them.

POTPOURRI....

- ***Shine shower doors by wiping off scum with a sponge dipped in white vinegar. Dry off and polish with a soft cloth.***
- ***To keep a frame hanging straight and prevent scratches and marks on the wall, glue rubber erasers to the bottom edge of the back of the frame.***
- ***Stop thin straps from slipping off wire hangers by winding a couple of thick rubber bands around the ends of the hanger.***

Upcoming Events

- **APRIL 2, 9 & 16 – HAPPY HEARTS Meetings**
- **APRIL 21 – MLT TRAINING, Goldsboro First Church**
- **MAY 03 – National Day of Prayer**
- **MAY 05 – DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL Meeting – Falcon, NC**
- **JUNE 02 – NCWM Convention**

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Back to the Altar

I will never forget the day that God saved me. I made my way to the altar, knelt down, and began weeping. I can't remember how long I was there, but what I can remember is the feeling I had when I got up. I felt the world lifted from me. I felt joy and peace as I never had before.

Many times since then I have found myself at the altar, praying to God and seeking His face. The thing that concerns me now about myself and many other Christians is that we often lose sight of the altar.

I believe the altar is a place we can meet with God and leave all our troubles with Him. I know we can talk with God anywhere and anytime, but I feel that the altar is a very special place. It is a place where we are to seek God corporately, lifting one another up in a chorus of praise and petitions as the body of Christ. It is a place where God meets us, pouring out His love and power into our hearts and souls.

I believe we need to use our altars more! They should not be just "standard decoration" for a church edifice but, rather, an integral, central communication station we can get to and pray through. Sadly, too many church services are conducted and concluded with the altar remaining unused and silent.

And when we do venture to the altar, many of us are guilty of taking our needs to the altar and then bringing them right back with us. We fail to pray through and leave our burdens with Him. When we do this, we miss the wonderful flood of joy and peace God means for His children to have.

I have re-experienced in the past several weeks what it feels like really to pray through at the altar, versus just going up to the altar to whisper a token prayer. There is a difference!

God has stirred in my heart that it is time for our churches to gather together at our altars and seek His face for wisdom and direction in these morally perilous times. When we do this, we will be stronger in the Lord and fuller of love for one another.

We must not forget our altars are meant to be places to meet with God and feel His presence.

Fall Advance

September 14 and 15

Rod Handley

This year's theme is *The Character of a Man.* You don't want to miss it!

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Betty Thompson, Director

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

A New Song

Psalm 33:3 reads as follows: "Sing unto him a new song." A "new song" gives us a refreshing feeling. Just thinking of the words gives us hope that there will be something new to look forward to. The word "new" tells us that this will replace the old. The word "song" reminds us of the birds happily singing in the spring. It reminds us of joy, peace, and hope.

We, as human beings, can sometimes get bogged down with the heavy cares of this life. Ministers and their families are no exception. Ministers and their spouses are looked up to in such a way that most people think they should be supernatural and not be discouraged like everyone else in this world. But because they are put up on the "pedestal," so to speak, they sometimes carry their load in silence between them and the Lord.

One thing the Lord keeps reminding me of is that He is with me at all times, and that He is there to carry my load! He can carry the weight of the burden so much better than we can. He also knows how to work the problems out in our lives. He created us and this whole beautiful world and should know exactly what we need to keep us going.

My Lord keeps reminding me also that He has a plan for our lives, and if we can just trust Him with every detail and seek His face for guidance, He will work things out for our good! If we can look past these problems and situations to see His face, then we can keep going. Just as the old chorus said, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full into His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."

I have seen people who enjoy being in a low place in their lives and do not want to listen even when they ask for help. Why do we do that? God intends for us to be happy Christians no matter what comes our way. Sometimes the person who goes through a really hard trial is the one who can make the most difference in another person's life. We simply do not know what influence we have on another person, whether it be a stranger, a friend, or even a family member.

Let us ever pray for God to give us a "new song" in our lives. Life will be so much easier. Philippians 4:5-9 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

Please be encouraged and read these scriptures over again, and digest them; make them a part of you and your worship to our wonderful Lord.

An Urgent Prayer Request

Rev. Bill and Ruby Sutton of the Mount Olive area, one of our ministers and his wife, had a fire a few weeks back, February 24, 2007, and lost everything but a few clothes. Please pray for them and do what you can to encourage them.

When Bobby, Anne and Johnny Williams lost their home to fire last year, it was a devastating thing. They are still dealing with insurance matters and trying to rebuild their house. Many of us have no idea of the hopelessness that is felt. Let's put ourselves in Bill and Ruby's place and imagine what it would be like to drive into your driveway and find nothing there but ashes. How would you function with not even a toothbrush to brush your teeth or a warm winter coat to guard against the cold? Reach out to this couple and let them know that you care. May God bless.

A Note to the Men!

I have a bone to pick with you men who pick up the mail and do not take it home to your wives to read! You may think this is none of my business, but I feel that what I say in these articles are as much for the women of this conference as for the men and that they need the encouragement sometimes more than the men. The reason for my remarks is that I have heard a lot of the ministers' wives say that they never see the mail and that it is usually left at the church or office. Even some of the Ministers' Wives board do not get to see the *Evangel*. I'm sure you guys are probably laughing right now, but this is important. Please, men, these women are a vital part of your ministry and they need to be informed to be a part of what you are doing. Needless to say, it might be a way for winning brownie points with your better half. Don't forget to take the Evangel home!

Until next time…

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Spring Cleaning

When you think of April and May, you automatically think of spring! When the first glint of sunshine shows through the trees, you think of spring-blooming flowers, newborn animals, and birds of all types and colors singing at the top of their little lungs! We are reminded of the Easter season, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

One of my favorite memories of the Easter holiday as a teen is the time our church planned as a group to go to Natural Bridge, Virginia, for a sunrise service on Easter morning. We were there, in the predawn darkness, in plenty of time before the 7 a.m. starting time for the service. The rocks and trees were all lit up with spotlights of all colors, and then the light show began with the booming voice of the narrator over the loudspeakers, telling the story of the Creation from the Bible, and then on to the coming of Jesus to this world as a Redeemer. As the sun was coming up, the story was told of Christ dying on the cross, and then in three days arising from the grave! You will not soon forget the Resurrection story as told from the site of this natural wonder that God Himself had made hundreds of years ago!

If you have never been to Natural Bridge, you need to go. It is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is on the National Register of Historic Places. George Washington surveyed it in 1750, and Thomas Jefferson bought it and 157 acres of land around it in 1774. It is 215 feet tall and 90 feet wide. You can look it up on the Internet under Natural Bridge, Virginia. You really need to see it and enjoy God's creation around it!

Spring is also a good time for spring cleaning. We all get in the mood to clean up and clear out our homes, offices, or maybe even a storage building. We also want to get out in the yard and plant flowers or trees. In the springtime, we also get in the mood for yard sales, whether we have one of our own or just get up and go see what we can find at a bargain price.

If you get the urge to go through your things and clean out, please remember the N.C. Conference Archives. We are still looking for pictures of people, churches, events; posters or announcements; letters; church records; or anything pertaining to your home church, the conference, ministers and wives, or church people. Please don't get rid of anything without consulting us! Remember: "What is one person's trash is someone else's treasure." We are all different and look at things differently, and I know some of you just want to clear things out and see no value in some things that may be really important to our history as a church. Do your spring cleaning with open eyes and good intentions!

Did You Know?

According to *The History of Falcon, North Carolina*, by V. Mayo Bundy and John C. Rosser, Jr., J. A. Culbreth built the Octagon Tabernacle in 1898 in the shape of a tent to resemble such a tent as was used by Rev. A. B. Crumpler for a meeting in which Brother and Sister Culbreth both received "a spiritual awakening and overflowing blessing." The Octagon Tabernacle was to be used for interdenominational services.

The time came when they were to have the first service in the Tabernacle with the Rev. A. B. Yarborough as the speaker. At the end of his exhortation, he turned the service back to Brother Culbreth with the request that he give an altar call. This was unexpected, and he would have left if he could because this was a new responsibility for him to attempt and one that was too sacred. With fear and trembling, he made the altar call, and ten people came to the altar! At the close of the prayers, they were asked to testify. Eight of the ten arose, one by one, and testified that the Lord had definitely saved them. The other two stood and said that they had been definitely sanctified. This was a definite reassurance to Brother Culbreth that would carry him through the rest of his life. Brother Culbreth was very instrumental in the development of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and its ministries.

One thing to be remembered and pondered in our hearts is that Julius Ainsworth Culbreth was not a preacher who had a call on his life as such, but was a *layman*. Let us learn something from this humble and obedient servant's life. God can use us if we make ourselves available. He will also go before us and prepare the way. We just need to trust Him and step out into the water.

Pictures Needed!

Westa Barefoot from the Peniel Church needs a picture of Rev. J. G. Spivey, one of their former pastors, for a pictorial display of former pastors. If anyone has a picture, please make a copy and send to her at the following address:

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Thanks for all of your help and consideration. Until next time…

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

86 years and climbing!

Our Poster Retired Ministers for 2007

Rev. and Mrs. King E. White

(continued from cover page)

Janice came from a family of singers and musicians and was singing in the family trio with her father and brother, but God had spoken to her heart to go to Holmes, for there His plan for her life was to be revealed in meeting King and becoming his wife. **They celebrated their 54th anniversary in June 2006**. Janice has faithfully followed God's will for their lives, and wherever God has opened doors for them, she has blessed not only her husband and children, but also the churches they have served.

Their pastoral ministry began with the **Carson Memorial Church** in 1952, then to **Darlington**, **Belfast**, **Wilmington First**, **St. Paul (Greenville)**, and the **Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn**, first in 1968-1970 and again in 1978 until his retirement in 2000. During these pastoral years, King served on the conference **Christian Education board**, and both worked at Falcon Youth Camps, which gave them opportunity to influence the lives of thousands of children and youth. In 1970, King accepted the position of **superintendent of the Pennsylvania Conference**. He led the conference in positive growth by adding more churches and ministers. He relocated the conference campgrounds and offices to 81 acres of land that has now become prime property, on which has been discovered natural gas that will help provide funding for conference operations for many years to come. In 1977, King and Janice moved to Oklahoma City, OK, where he served as **administrator of the Children's Convalescent Center**. God used King's administrative abilities to bring this new work of the PH Church to financial stability as well as improve the quality of health care for its patients.

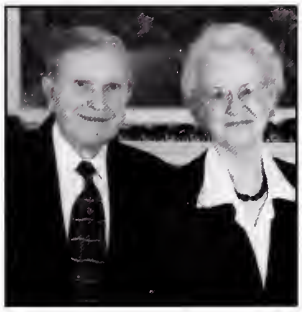
In 1978, King's return as **pastor of the Dunn Gospel Tabernacle** was surely God-ordained. For the next 22 years, the Tabernacle experienced its greatest growth spiritually, numerically, and financially under his leadership. Many outstanding life-changing revivals, some lasting for several weeks, took place during these years, ultimately leading to the relocation of the Tabernacle to a larger facility that was once a large Baptist church, located at 2101 West Cumberland Street in Dunn. Another highlight was the building of the church's **Family Life Center** in 1997.

Since their official retirement in 2000, King and Janice have continued to fill open pulpits in the conference, preaching at revivals and camp meetings.

Truly, God has been faithful to His Word, His Will, and His plan in the lives of Rev. and Mrs. King E. White. **It is with pleasure that we make them our Poster Retired Ministers for 2007**. May God bless them to be with us for many more years!

Where Are They Now...?

Susan and Jettie Parker



Few people have had more colorful and adventurous lives than Susan and Jettie. Soon after being saved at age 19, Jettie felt a call to the ministry and enrolled at Holmes Bible College in 1949. It was there he met Susan, and in spite of the rules, love blossomed. They were married in 1951 but returned to Holmes and graduated in 1952. Feeling a strong call from God to the mission field in Africa, they immediately began preparations to go. In 1953, they embarked on their life's calling, and, except for regular furloughs, they spent 19 years in South Africa. When they returned home in 1972, Jettie accepted the Sanford pastorate, and Susan taught in public schools, during which time she was voted into *Who's Who in America*. Susan also served the conference as WA president for four years. In 1980, they became missionaries to Central Africa, where Jettie served as district superintendent and principal of the Freeman Bible College. He established a district conference in Malowe with 10 churches. **In 1985 they returned home after having spent 24 years on the mission field**. Susan and Jettie have made Sanford their home, where they attend the Sanford First PH Church. She is the superintendent of the Sunday school, and he teaches the adult Bible class. They have a **retirement home ministry** they established 15 years ago. Jettie always has a beautiful garden. They have 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Jettie says, *"Thank God for a wonderful family which doesn't mind keeping us busy!"*

Margie and Lalleon Narron

In a revival conducted by the Rev. Fred Weaver at the Moore's Chapel Church in 1952, a young married couple named Margie (age 20) and Lalleon (age 23) went forward and gave their hearts and lives to the Lord. Soon after, Lalleon answered God's call to preach, and they both enrolled at Holmes Bible College, graduating in 1956. Lalleon joined the conference in 1953 and was ordained in 1955. His first church was Tyndall Grove, where they set out on a journey of pastoral ministry, serving 12 churches until his retirement in 1994, 39 fruitful years later.

Lalleon served on the conference Christian Education board for many years. He gave several weeks each summer to working in the Falcon Youth Camps, where he touched the lives of hundreds of children and youth. Both of them were always great assets to the camps. He was also a member of the conference Evangelism board.

Lalleon and Margie started building their home in Kenly 12 years before their retirement. He worked on it as time allowed, and Lalleon likes to say, "When we moved in, it was ours, fully paid for." They also take advantage of their home "at the coast." He preaches at every opportunity. They have two boys, Tim and Ricky, and one grandson whom they enjoy immensely.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Tiempo y Espacio Para Orar

Lo que voy a compartir aquí no es nada nuevo, pero como dijo el Apostol Pedro: "Por esto, yo no dejaré de *recordaros* siempre estas cosas, aunque vosotros las sepáis..." **2 Pedro 1:12**. "Amados, esta es la segunda carta que os escribo, y en ambas despierto con exhortación vuestro limpio entendimiento." **2 Pedro 3:1**. Es nuestro entendimiento el que debe estar siempre despierto, muy especialmente con respecto a la oración.

En el evangelio de Lucas encontramos varias menciones acerca de la vida de oración de Jesús. Si el Señor Jesús dedicó tiempo y espacio a la oración, cuanto más necesitamos nosotros hacerlo. Entonces *recordemos* la necesidad que tenemos de dedicar tiempo y espacio a la oración, lo cual es nuestra comunión con Dios. Observemos la siguiente lista de versículos del evangelio de Lucas, los cuales nos muestran aspectos valiosos de la vida de oración de Jesús.

Lucas 4:42 "Cuando ya era de día, salió y se fue a un lugar desierto..." **Marcos 1:35** completa la frase diciendo "...y allí oraba". A simple vista de este versículo podemos obtener las siguientes verdades:

a. Refleja la importancia de la oración como prioridad en la vida de Jesús. Lo es para nosotros también? Si no, debemos de hacer cambios inmediatamente.
b. Cuando menciona la palabra "desierto" esto significa un lugar solitario. Un lugar sin interrupciones, ni ocupaciones, es solo un lugar para tener un tiempo en una reunión exclusiva y única con Dios. Hacemos nosotros lo mismo?

Jesús no solo nos da la unción y su gracia para ejercer el llamado en el ministerio y los dones que hayamos recibido de El para funcionar, pero también nos da su ejemplo acerca de cómo mantener al día, viva y fluyendo esa unción y gracia, por medio de la oración.

Lucas 5:16 "Mas el se apartaba a lugares desiertos, y oraba." Aquí nos dice que la oración en la vida de Jesús no era una actividad casual o que practicaba de vez en cuando; tampoco era un tiempo que dedicaba solo cuando se sentía emocionalmente dispuesto para hacerlo.

a. Note la palabra se "apartaba" Esto es retirarse o recogerse exclusivamente para orar. Cuantas veces nos retiramos fuera y lejor de todo, nada más para pasar tiempo a solas con Dios?
b. La oración era una práctica continua y consistente en la vida de Jesús, es así con nosotros también?
c. Nuestra comunión con Dios es diaria, no semanal, quincenal o mensual. Lo necesitamos a El cada día.
d. Como recibiremos la porción de ese día si no pasamos tiempo con Dios en oración.

Lucas 6:12 "En aquellos días el fue al monte a orar, y pasó la noche orando a Dios." Note el lugar a donde fue a orar "el monte" y también la duración de su tiempo de oración, "la noche". El contexto nos dice que El pasó la noche orando antes de tomar la decisión de elegir a sus 12 discípulos. Cuántos de nosotros oramos intensa, prolongada y sosegadamente antes de tomar decisiones significativas?

a. Ore tanto como sea posible, escoja el mejor tiempo y el mejor lugar para hacerlo
b. Ore después de una jornada dura de trabajo y actividades
c. Ore en vísperas de situaciones dificiles
d. Ore depués de grandes éxitos y logros significativos
e. En el tiempo corto del ministerio de Jesús sobre la tierra (tres años y medio) siendo aún tan ocupado y tan corto, tomó el tiempo para orar. Orar nunca es tiempo perdido y nunca debe sobrar en nuestra agenda. Orar debe ser tanto como sea posible y la prioridad número uno.

Lucas 9:18 "Aconteció que mientras Jesús oraba aparte, estaban con el los discípulos..." Nota usted que Jesús forma un compañerismo de oración con sus discípulos. No solo oraba para sí, también dejaba a sus discípulos participar con él.

a. "Oraba aparte" significa tiempo y lugar; también significa un tiempo de calidad
b. Me perece ver a Jesús orando aquí por dirección, acerca de qué cosas decir y hacer. Eso es dependencia. No debemos depender de nuestras propias habilidades, costumbres y fuerzas para hacer nuestro trabajo y vivir nuestra vida, debemos, necesitamos y urgimos depender de Dios y esto se refleja en el tiempo que pasamos con El en la oración.

Lucas 9:28 "Acontenció como ocho días después de estas palabras, que tomó a Pedro, a Juan y a Jacobo, y subió al monte a orar." Esto es orar con otros.

a. Como líderes y servidores de Dios, una de las cosas más poderosas que podemos hacer es buscar a otros para orar junto con ellos.
b. Necesitamos establecer pequeñas reuniones con otras personas para buscar el rostro de Dios y traer cambios significativos por medio de la oración que podemos compartir juntos.
c. Jesús lo dijo en otra ocasión: "...Si dos de vosotros se pusieren de acuerdo en la tierra acerca de cualquier cosa que pidieren, les será hecho por mi Padre que está en los cielos." Mateo 18:19
d. Póngase de acuerdo con otros (su esposa, sus hijos) y otros hermanos en Cristo y oremos para que el Padre haga las cosas que le pedimos en oración unida.

Lucas 11:1 "Acontenció que estaba Jesús orando en un lugar, y cuando terminó, uno de sus discípulos le dijo: Señor, enseñanos a orar..." Oramos para terner comunión con Dios. Oramos para recibir de El sus gracia, capacidad y fortaleza para vivir. Oramos para recibir de El los recursos que necesitamos para hacer nuestro trabajo. Oramos para recibir sabiduría y dirección en las decisiones.

a. No oramos para exibirnos, ni jactarnos de ser más espirituales que los demás
b. Al orar, otros pueden aprender como hacerlo; tambien pueden aprender acerca de la efectividad de la oración; "La oración eficaz del justo puede mucho." Santiago 5:16
c. También pueden aprender como mantener una vida efectiva, fluyendo y radiante por causa del tiempo que pasamos con Dios en oración.

Lucas 22:39-41 "Y saliendo, se fue, como solía, al monte de los olivos; y sus discípulos también le siguieron. Cuando llegó a aquel lugar, les dijo: orad que no entréis en tentación. Y el se apartó de ellos a distancia como de un tiro de piedra; y puesto de rodillas oró..."

a. Orar para que se haga la voluntad de Dios en nuestra vida y en su obra, es vital. Al orar es una de las cosas que más debemos buscar: la voluntad de Dios; que se haga lo que Dios quiere y en la forma en que él quiere.
b. Orar en medio de cualquier crisis, problema o angustia es lo mejor que podemos hacer, no solo para ser capacitados por Dios, sino para terminar victoriosos después que todo haya pasado.
c. Orar antes, durante y después de una tentación, nos ayudará a enfrentar lo que nos quiere desviar del Señor y sus propósitos.

Lucas mencionó todas estas veces en las que Jesús reflejó su vida de oración y comunión con Dios. Esto debemos repertirlo cada uno de nosotros en nuestras vidas y ministerios, no menos que lo que Jesús lo hizo. Orar es la actividad más importante de nuestra vida y ministerio. En Hechos 6:4 Pedro el apostol lo mencionó cuando se estaban ocupando con otros asuntos que eran importantes pero no más que la práctica de la oración. "Y nosotros persistiremos en la oración y en el ministerio de la palabra." Jesús se sostuvo por medio de la comunión en intimidad con Dios a través de la oración. No hay excepción con nosotros. No permita que nada ni nadie le tome, le quite o le robe el tiempo que debe y necesita dedicar a la oración y comunión con Dios Cada Dia.

Celebrando Lo Que El Señor Esta Haciendo En El Ministerio Hispano

El pasado 23 y 24 de febrero tuvimos nuestra primer Escuela de Ministerio de este año. Fue una bendición ver a tanta gente tomando las tres clases que fueron ofrecidas por los profesores Carmem Vieira, Fernando Angulo y Luis Avila. Tuvimos una asistencia de 161 personas en las tres clases. De ellos 28 eran pastores.

Eventos Por Venir

1. Las clases del próximno INE en Mayo 25 y 26. La materia "Técnicas de Enseñanza" por la profesora Misionera June Canavesio.
2. La reunión de MPM con el Obispo y el supervisor el miércoles 16 de mayo.
3. Los rallies de Evangelismo que tendremos el 18 de mayo en Garner y el 19 de mayo en Fayetteville.

Time and Space to Pray

What I am going to share here is not anything new, but as the Apostle Peter said, "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know…" **2 Peter 1:12**. "Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder…" **2 Peter 3:1**. It is our understanding that we should always be awake, most especially with regard to prayer.

We find in the Gospel of Luke several mentions of Jesus' life of prayer. If the Lord Jesus dedicated time and space to pray, we need even more to do it. Then we remember the necessity of dedicating time and space to prayer, which is our communion with God. Observe the following list of verses of the Gospel of Luke that show us valuable aspects of Jesus' life of prayer.

Luke 4:42 "Now when it was day, He departed and went into a deserted place" Mark 1:35 completes the sentence, saying, "…and there He prayed." Let's look at the following truths:

a. This reflects the importance of pray as a priority in Jesus' life. Is this the same for us also? If not, we should make changes immediately.
b. When it mentions the word "desert," this means a solitary place, a place without interruptions or occupation; He is alone in a place in order to have time for an exclusive meeting with only God. Do we do the same?

Jesus doesn't give us the anointing and His grace to exercise the call in the ministry and gifts we have received from Him only in order to work, but He also gave us an example of how to keep ourselves fresh, alive, and flowing in that anointing and grace by means of prayer.

Luke 5:16 "So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed." This verse tells us that prayer in Jesus' life was not a casual activity or one that He practiced from time to time; neither was it a time He dedicated only when He felt emotionally willing to pray.

a. Have you noticed the word "withdrew"? This is to retire to a place where He could take time exclusively to pray. How many times do we go out far from everything else in order to spend time alone with God?
b. Prayer was a continuous and consistent practice in Jesus' life. Is it the same with us too?
c. Our communion with God is daily, not weekly, biweekly or monthly. We need to pray; we need Him every day.
d. How will we receive the portion of that day if we didn't spend time with God in pray?

Luke 6:12 "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." Notice the place that He was going to pray, "the mountain," and also the duration of His time in prayer, "all night." The context of this Scripture tells us that He spent the night praying before He made the decision of choosing His 12 disciples. Do we pray with intense prayer and long enough before making significant decisions?

a. Pray as much as possible; choose the best time and the best place to pray.
b. Pray after a hard day from work and activities.
c. Pray in every difficult situation.
d. Pray after big successes and significant achievements.

In the short time of Jesus' ministry on the earth (three and a half years), even when He was too busy and time was short, He took time to pray. Praying is never lost time, and it should never be something that you will do if you have time. Praying should be done as much as possible and be priority number one.

Luke 9:18 "And it happened, as He was alone praying, that His disciples joined Him…" Notice that Jesus forms a companionship of prayer with His disciples. He did not pray for Himself; He also allowed His disciples participate with him.

a. "He was alone praying"; it means time and place; it also means a time of quality.
b. It seems to me that Jesus was praying here for direction, about things to say and to do.

That is dependence. We should not depend on our own abilities and our own strength in order to do our work and live our lives; we ought, we need, and we are urged to depend on God, and this is reflected in the time we spend with Him in prayer.

Luke 9:28 "Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray." This is praying with other people.

a. As leaders and servants of God, one of the most powerful things that we could do is look for others in order to pray together with them.
b. We need to establish small meetings with other people in order to look for the face of God and bring significant changes by means of prayer that we could share together.
c. Jesus said on another occasion, "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." **Matthew 18:19**
d. Put on in accordance with another (your wife, your children) and other brethren in Christ and ask the Father to do things that we asking in united prayer.

Luke 11:1 "Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray…" We pray to have communion with God. We pray in order to receive His grace, capacity, and strength in order to live. We pray in order to receive the resources that we need of Him in order to do our work. We pray in order to receive wisdom and direction in our decisions.

a. We do not pray to exhibit ourselves, neither to boast of being more spiritual than others.
b. Upon our praying, another could learn how he or she can do it; others could also learn about the effectiveness of prayer: "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." **James 5:16**
c. They could also learn how to maintain an effective life, flowing and radiant by reason of the time spent with God in prayer.

Luke 22:39-41 "Coming out, He went to the mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him. When He came to the place, He said to them, 'Pray that you may not enter into temptation.' And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed…"

a. Pray to find the will of God in your life and in your work; it is vital. Upon praying, one of the things we should look for is the will of God, that is, to do what God wants in the way He wants.
b. Pray through crises, problems, or anguish; that is the best thing to do. Don't pray only to be empowered for God, but pray in order to finish victoriously after everything has passed.

Luke mentioned all these times in which Jesus reflected His life of prayer and communion with God. This has to be repeated by every one of us in our lives and ministries, no less than Jesus did. Praying is the most important activity of our life and ministry. In **Acts 6:4** Peter the Apostle mentioned, when they were occupied with other matters that were important but not more so than the practice of prayer, "…But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

Jesus was sustained by means of communion in intimacy with God through prayer. There is no exception with us. Do not permit anything or anybody to take, withdraw, or steal from you the time that you ought and need to dedicate to prayer and communion with God *each day*.

Celebrating What the Lord Is Doing in the Hispanic Ministry

The past February 23 and 24, we had the first School of Ministry of this year. It was a great blessing to see so many people taking the classes that were given by the teachers Carmem Vieira, Fernando Angulo, and Luis Avila. We had an attendance of 161 students in the three classes. Out of those, 28 were pastors.

Events to Come

2. INE classes the next May 25 and 26. The subject will be "Teaching Techniques," given by professor and missionary June Canavesio.
3. The next meeting of MPM with the bishop and supervisor is May 16.
4. The Evangelism Rallies we will have on May 18 in Garner and May 19 in Fayetteville.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"Lift Up Your Eyes and Look on the Fields"

I am extremely excited as I sit and write this article! In the last four weeks we have organized two churches, and three more Hispanic congregations have been birthed. God is truly "**up to something**" in our conference, and we give Him all the praise and honor. One of the churches received into the conference was a 150-member African-America congregation (Seed of Faith) with the prospect of three more African-American congregations to follow. The other church (The Journey) has been worshiping in a high school gymnasium for 1½ years with a membership of 65. These are truly exciting days as we see what God is accomplishing through dedicated church planters! Also, at the time of the writing of this article, there are four pastoral couples in Atlanta, Georgia, attending the "Antioch Encounter." The Antioch Encounter is an intensive training and motivational time for selected pastors who are making plans in the near future to plant churches or satellite congregations out of their existing congregations. Recently (February), in a district unit meeting to plan for 2007, all three pastors in this particular unit expressed immediate plans (already in process) to plant/mother churches.

God has truly opened the door to this conference, and the time is now to step through and prove Him true! The North Carolina Conference is poised to experience an explosive harvest for the remainder of 2007 and beyond. There are many opportunities presenting themselves to this conference, and once again I challenge our pastors and congregations to accept this challenge of the Holy Spirit and step out in faith to "mother a church." I believe when Jesus spoke to the disciples in John 4, saying, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest," it was an emphatic expression to force them to focus their attention on hungry hearts. The time for harvesting is now, to fulfill the task of global evangelization. A vibrant church movement (denomination) must have new churches.

The need and the call for prayer ministry (warfare) are urgent, as well as an absolute necessity, to continue to see churches planted and/or brought under the umbrella of the IPHC. The door is open; the window of opportunity is now; let's step through. Again I emphasize that the greatest days of the IPHC are ahead of us!

At the same time that we continue to emphasize the planting and inclusion of new churches, we also are keenly aware of and acknowledge that within this conference, there is one church in 221 locations. The North Carolina Conference is a team, a family of churches of different sizes and make-ups. I also firmly believe that all 221 locations (one church) can go to the next level. Your church (location) does not have to stay where it is; we must become dissatisfied with the status quo and aspire to grow. This is why the "**Model Church Strategy**" is so important to the function and improvement of each local congregation. We are providing necessary principles and tools during these six monthly training sessions to enhance and grow your local congregation. Whether your congregation is large or small, your church *will* benefit from this training. The first session (Vision) will have already passed (April 3) when you read this article; however, you have five more sessions to be a part of. You and your leadership team can be a part of something exciting and motivational in the growth of your church. Pastors, I urge you to come with your leadership team to take advantage of this important resource – at a minimal cost – to improve the harvest capability of your pastorate. Please call Nicole *today* at the Conference office to reserve your spot at these training sessions.

Remember, all that we do to expand the Kingdom, whether on the mission field or in our local congregations, is an "Investment in Eternity"!

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I challenge EVERY CHURCH to Set a Goal!

I challenge EVERY PERSON to give A Day's Wage!

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–John 4:35

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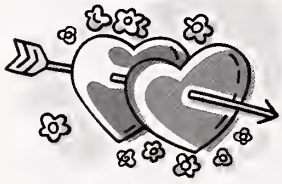


My Prayer Is …

"Love must remain in me, for God is love."

"Everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."
1 John 4:7-12

1. **I will love the LORD – Psalm 18:1-2**
   "I will love thee O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

2. **I will love myself – 1 Cor. 6:19 / Gen. 1 1:27**
   " Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives within you, whom you have received [as a Gift] from God? You are not your own." / "God created man in his own image."

3. **I will love my friend – Prov. 17:17 / Ruth 1:16 / 1 Sam. 18:1**
   "A friend loveth at all times." / "Entreat me not to leave thee." / "Jonathan became one in spirit with David and he loved him as himself."(NIV)

4. **I will love my neighbor – Lev. 19:18 (Amp.)**
   "You shall not take revenge or bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."

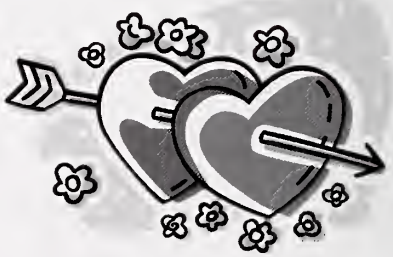
5. **I will love my spouse – Eph. 5:25-28 / Gen. 2:18-20 / 1 Cor. 11:7-9**
   "Husbands love your wife wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it." "So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself."

   Woman – Made to help man, Glory of man – **Col. 3:18 to 25**

6. **I will love my children – Col. 3:21 / Eph. 6:4 / Gal. 4:1, 2 Train, Teach**

7. **I will love my parents – Eph. 6:1-4 / Col. 3:20**
   "Children obey your parents in all things: for this is wellpleasing unto God."

8. **I will love the body of Christ – 1 John 4:7-11**
   "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another."



9. **I will love my pastor, church, conference, denomination.**

I must love, for God in me is love!

Love Languages

- **Words of Affirmation**
- **Quality Time**
- **Receiving Gifts**
- **Acts of Service**
- **Physical Touch**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Commitment**

When you pray, remember that love must remain in your heart!

Showing forth acts of love can be your greatest prayer today.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Jesus Is Counting on Us

by Mark Fields, Senior Pastor of Benson PHC, NCCEM Board Member

According to a legend, when Jesus returned to heaven following his death on the cross and resurrection from the tomb, the angels gathered in amazement. They gazed at the wounds in His hands and feet. Finally Gabriel spoke: "Master, you suffered terribly down there. Do they know and appreciate the extent of your sacrifice?"

"No," said Jesus "Not yet. Right now only a handful of people in Palestine know."

"Then what have you done to let everyone know?" asked Gabriel.

"I've asked Peter, James, and John and a few others to spread the news," Jesus said. "They will tell others, who will tell others, who will tell others until the message spreads to the ends of the earth."

Gabriel, knowing the nature of human beings, asked, "What is Plan B?"

Jesus responded, "I have no Plan B. There is no alternative strategy. I'm counting on them."

Centuries have passed since the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there is still no Plan B. If the gospel is going to be shared, it will have to be shared by you and me. If people are going to learn who Jesus is and what His mission was all about, we have to tell them. This message is very clear in Matthew 28:18-20 – *Jesus is counting on us*.

In this passage of Scripture, we find some of the last words that Jesus spoke to His disciples before He ascended into heaven. We have come to know these words as the Great Commission. They are instructions that Jesus wanted to leave with His disciples. He tells them that all power has been given to Him, meaning He has the final say-so; He is the final authority, not just in heaven but also in earth. He also tells them that He is with them – not ***will be*** with them, but ***is*** with them. And because He has all power and because He is with them, He tells them to go. And as they are going, there are some things He is counting on them to do. As we apply this passage to our lives, we should know there are things Jesus is counting on us to do.

Jesus is counting on us to evangelize the lost. He said in verse 19 that we are to teach. The word "teach" in this verse means "to disciple or make disciples." A disciple is one who becomes attached to the teacher and follows the doctrine and conduct of that teacher. How will anyone follow whom we follow? How will anyone accept what we believe? How will anyone live the way we live? They must be exposed to whom and what we believe. We have to share what we believe with them. Jesus is counting on us to evangelize. We have to be willing to share the gospel as we are going.

Jesus is counting us to enroll new converts. He is counting on us to enroll those who have been evangelized so they can be a part of the body of Christ. He said we are to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The literal meaning of baptism is "to submerge or dip." This is an ordinance that the church practices once someone accepts Christ. The spiritual meaning of baptism is "to identify with." So when we are baptized into someone, we are identifying with that person. In this passage of scripture, Jesus has instructed us to baptize new believers in the name of the Father to show that we identify with God and acknowledge that He is the creator and maker of the universe. We are to baptize in the name of Jesus to identify with His death and resurrection. We are to baptize in the Holy Ghost to acknowledge that the Spirit of God has convicted us of our sin. He now dwells within us to teach, guide, comfort, and place us into the body of Christ. So when we are baptized, we are identifying and uniting with the body of Christ.

Jesus is counting on us to educate believers. He said in verse 20 that we are to teach them to observe all things that He had commanded. The word "teach" in this verse means "to talk with someone in order to instruct him." It means to increase the understanding of the pupil. When I was a public school teacher, I would often give a pretest on the first day of school. My purpose was to find out how much chemistry the students knew. They normally did not do well on that pretest. But if they were willing to come to class, bring their materials, and listen to me every day, then I could teach them what they didn't know. I could pour my knowledge of chemistry into them, share my experiences with them, and prepare them for their final exam. When someone gets saved through our evangelistic effort, if that person is willing to enroll in our fellowship, we have to be willing to educate that individual. We can't expect him to know everything at once. He or she will make mistakes as we did and still do. We do not need to criticize new believers; we need to educate them.

Years ago, Henry Ford bought an insurance policy, and because he was so popular, it was well published by the papers. One of Henry's friends saw the story and asked Henry about it. He wanted to know if it was true. Henry acknowledged that it was. So his friend asked him, "Why didn't you purchase the insurance from me? We are personal friends, and I've been in business for many years."

Henry said, "You never asked me."

When it comes to sharing the gospel, how many of our friends would say, "You never asked me"? Jesus is counting on us!

Falcon Youth Camp 2007

KNOW LIMITS
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High School Camp (Grades 9-12)**
Thursday, June 14 – Sunday, June 17, 2007
Speaker: Jamie McMillan

Middle School Camp (Grades 6-8)**
Sunday, June 17 – Thursday, June 21, 2007
Speaker: Brian Rodgers

Alpha Camp (Grades 1-3)**
Thursday, June 21 – Sunday, June 24, 2007
Speaker: Terry Whittenton

Omega Camp (Grades 4-5)**
Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28, 2007
Speaker: Randy Thompson

Hispanic Camp
Friday, June 29 – Sunday, July 1, 2007

***Your child should register based upon the grade completed in the 2006-2007 school year.*

Falcon Youth Camp is subject to housing restrictions. Therefore, **all spaces will be filled on a first come, first served basis.** Being entitled to a scholarship does ***not*** assure an applicant of a space. This year's tuition is $110 per camper **before May 15** and $140 per camper **after May 15.** A scholarship form and/or full payment **must** accompany the camper's application in order for the camper to be registered. Please send applications to: Falcon Youth Camp, P.O. Box 60, Falcon, NC 28342. **Faxed applications will not be accepted!**

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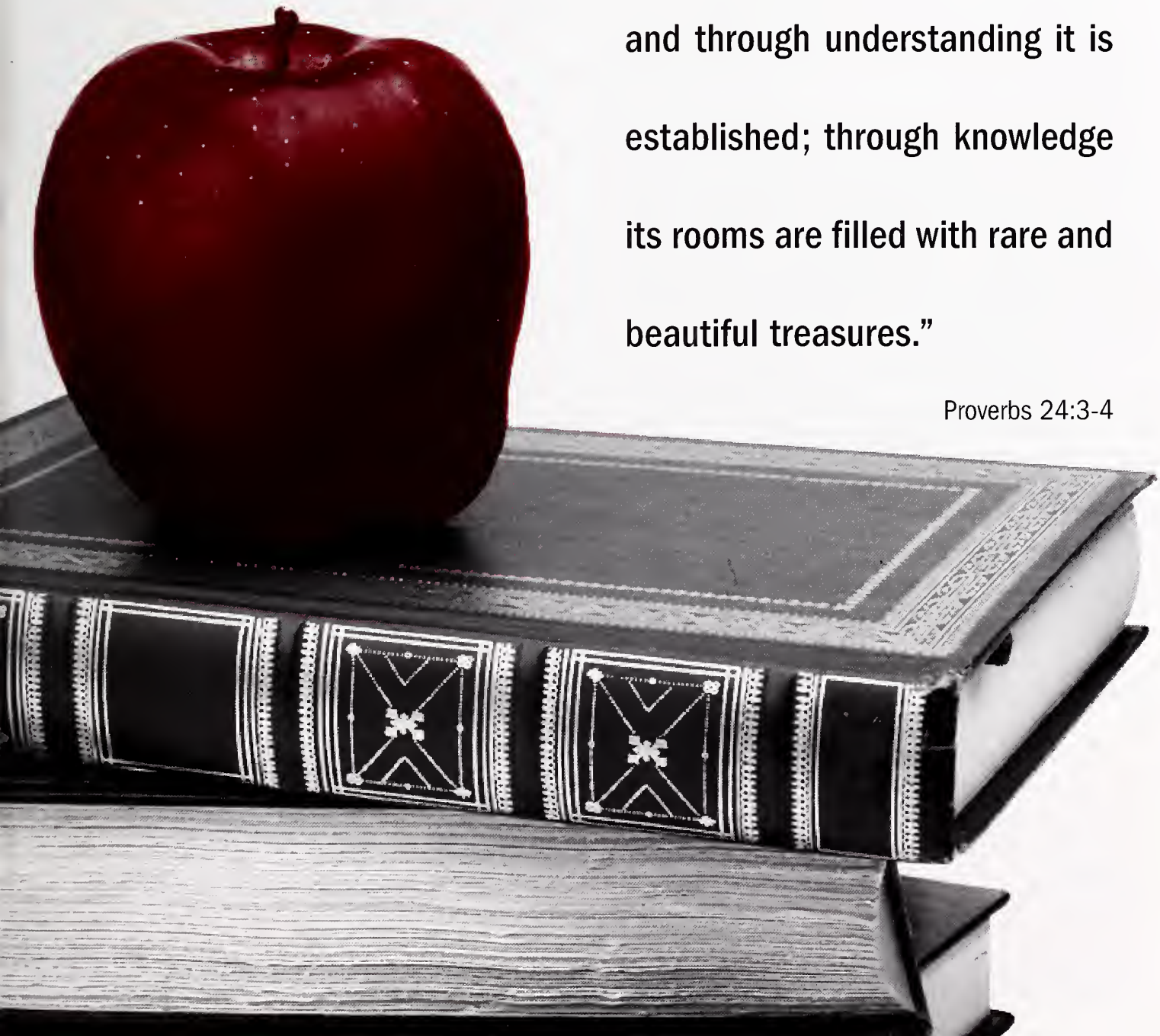
"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Proverbs 24:3-4



Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

District Churches of the Year for 2006

I congratulate these churches listed below for their advancements in the year 2006. The Lord has blessed these greatly.

The Anglo and African-American churches are on a point system. The Hispanic churches are not on the point system but are quickly moving in that direction.

Each district winner was given a plaque of recognition and a special gift to the church. The conference Church of the Year will receive special recognition at annual conference.

The criteria for consideration are based on several factors. Points are awarded for each.

Points are awarded for growth in membership, weekly Bible study (Sunday school), and morning worship attendance. The points are based on percentages gained.

Points are awarded for attendance at district conferences. The pastor is given points for attendance and delegates from the church.

Points are given for support of the General Tithe and Conference Allocation. Again, these are based primarily on the percentage system. Bonus points may be earned for those churches that pay the full percentage. Last year the percentage was 14; this year it is 13.

Points are awarded for churches who contribute to various other projects. Three points are given for each category for any size of contribution. These categories are Church Education Ministries, Evangelism, World Missions, Men's Ministries, Education, Children's Home, Royal Rangers, USA Evangelism, and Conference Building Fund.

Special points are awarded for the promptness of the monthly and annual reports.

God is richly blessing the North Carolina Conference. Such blessings are due to His sovereignty and the faithfulness of the clergy and churches. Amen, and praise the Lord!

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION FOR YEAR 2006

REGION #1

New Bern District	#1 Goose Creek – Pastor Cindy Midyette	150
	#2 Heritage – Pastor T. P. Davis	75
	#3 Vanceboro – Pastor Patsy Vaughan	73
Greenville District	#1 Grimesland – Pastor Tim Pittman	134
	#2 Grifton – Pastor Jobie Heath	93
	#3 West Road – Pastor Ricky Nelms	86
Goldsboro District	#1 Kenly – Pastor Randal Woodard	118
	#2 The First Church – Pastor Jimmy Whitfield	101
	#3 Thunderswamp – Pastor Steve Dixon	98
Morehead City	#1 Smyrna – Pastor Jonathan Griffin	97
	#2 Harkers Island – Pastor Stacy Watford	71
	#3 Maranatha – Pastor Matthew Smith	68

REGION #2

Raleigh	#1 Evangel – Pastor Vince Moore	123
	#2 Hope – Pastor Luke Long	81
	#3 Emmanuel – Pastor Larry Kelley The Capital – Pastor Tim Marriner	54 54
Wilson	#1 Westmoreland – Pastor Jerry Nelson	165
	#2 Stantonsburg – Pastor Patsy Jones	105
	#3 Greater Mount Paran – Pastor L. B. Avery Snow Hill – Pastor Ronnie Heath	87 87
Williamston	#1 Swansquarter – Pastor Mike Wheeler	359
	#2 Rehoboth – Pastor Reuben Batchelor	165
	#3 Faith – Pastor Danny Gurganus	96
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William Seymour: A Biography

by Craig Borlase. Lake Mary, Florida: Charisma House. 258 pages.

As one of the most influential African Americans of the 20th century, William Seymour left a legacy worth remembering. Without Azusa Street, would there have been a modern Pentecostal movement as we know it today? Who is William Seymour, who pleaded for love among the brethren everywhere? Why should his life and ministry be studied and remembered in the first place?

Living from May 2, 1870, to September 28, 1922, William Joseph Seymour died at 52 years of age, but in

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that short span of life, God used this chosen African American to inspire and encourage those of like precious faith around the world after the monumentous revival of Azusa Street in Los Angeles, California. The spiritual spark of Azusa led to the global flame of Pentecostalism. Frank Bartleman, an eyewitness of the Azusa Street Mission miracle wrote, "We found a dozen saints there, some white, some colored. Brother Seymour was there, in charge. The Ark of God moved off slowly, but surely at Azusa." William Seymour, the Louisianan, born in obscurity, played a key role at the dawn of modern Pentecostalism.

Borlase paints a complete portrait of Brother Seymour, warts and all. He was a real man, one who took "small steps of humility, obedience, and sacrifice." Born five years after the Civil War, he grew up with the recent fact of slavery breathing down his neck. The struggles of race and religion could have easily made him a bitter man, angry at the world and unwilling to be used of God. He was challenged by the loss of many siblings and personally stricken with smallpox, yet the good hand of the Lord spared him. He was brought up Baptist, but with Catholic influence, and came to realize that faith in God held the key to life.

The book offers insight into, and supplies plenty for provocative mental sparring about, the relationship of William Seymour and Charles Parham. Is it true that Parham early on allowed only whites to approach the altar during the evening meetings? Which brother deserved to be called the "Father of Modern Pentecostalism"? Whatever, the author presents the story of William Seymour's arrival in Los Angeles in February 1906. The Pentecostal outpouring at Azusa Street occurred in April 1906. Talk about being enlightened and guided by the right Person, in the right frame of mind and in the right place with the right people at the right time!

Borlase writes, "Seymour claimed that divine healing was the birthright of every Christian. He preached the imminent return of Jesus. He declared that unless a person spoke in tongues, they had not been baptized by the Holy Spirit." He was known to be a holiness man, a "man alive and on fire," and a man of fervent prayer.

312 Azusa Street, the location of the old First African Methodist Episcopal Church, became the talk of the town, and eventually the world. God's Spirit fell on black and white. The "blessed miracle" had come to Los Angeles! The newspaper article on April 18 stated, "An old colored exhorter, blind in one eye, is the major-domo of the company. With his stony optic fixed upon some luckless unbeliever, the old man yells his defiance and challenges an answer. After an hour ... pandemonium breaks loose, and the bounds of reason are passed by those who are 'filled with the spirit,' whatever that may be." Of course we know that although the bounds of reason are limited, the Holy Scripture reveals the "pandemonium," although misunderstood, as the power of Almighty God.

The book reads like a story. It is interesting and will fuel the flame for those who would want to know more about those early days of the fresh fire that God poured out on those humble enough to receive His anointing and power.

Battle Cry for a Generation: The Fight to Save America's Youth

by Ron Luce. Colorado Springs, Colorado: Cook Communications Ministries. 213 pages.

"Our nation is truly at a crossroad. What we do in the next 5 years could affect the next 50 to 100 years of American history. Every year in America, 4.5 million teenagers turn 20 years old. Research shows that once a child reaches that milestone, the odds of reaching that individual for Christ are nearly 10 to 1. What most people believe by the time they are 13 is what they will die believing." These words written by Luce give a clamorous call to reach the youth of this nation.

The book is more than about information. It is about our children and youth. Americans born 1927-1945 were 65 percent Bible-based believers. Today, those born after 1984 are 4 percent Bible-based believers. Only 9 percent of born-again teens believe in moral absolutes. We are losing ground. The walls are falling. The secularists are gradually removing the landmarks of faith. How many years does America have before she becomes almost exclusively a pagan nation? Statistics may shock the reader, but statistics alone will not cause a person to respond to the national crisis.

Young people average 16 to 17 hours per week watching television. Morally corrupt films dripping with violence, sex, and alcohol, television programs, the perverted music industry, the pornographic invasion of the Internet, and the civil initiatives promoting gay marriage are having a dramatic effect on our society. The most vulnerable, of course, are the children. Forty pagan bulldozers could not move some of our Pentecostal seniors off their theological mountaintop. Most born-again seniors, for the most part, know what they believe and have no intention of losing any moral or theological ground. This is not the case for most of the youth of the church.

Luce declares this to be a real war. The devil is not some mythical figure wearing red pajamas and carrying a pitchfork. He is a real adversary seeking to devour anyone who will dine with him. Conform to the world, and Satan will have you for supper. Should we sit idly by in a perpetual state of complacency and watch our youth destroyed? My own 17-year-old daughter, Renae, stirred my heart after returning from Acquire the Fire. Should we worry about rearranging the chairs on a sinking ship when so many are in the cold waters, desperately needing rescue? No, Christians should act, and act like a mighty army.

The book will stir your thoughts and heart. The obligation of every Christian is to engage in this spiritual battle and fight until the battle is won. Let us fight, and fight together, and follow the Captain of our Salvation, who leads us into battle for the youth. Investing in this generation means investing in eternity.

Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."
(Proverbs 31:27)

Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. What a wonderful time of the year to honor our mothers. Or perhaps you are like me, and your mother has gone on to be with the Lord, and all you have are the memories.

For many years, Mama worked outside the home, but still managed to raise four children, take care of Daddy, and run a household. (Of course, we had our chores and we had to finish them before we could go anywhere or do anything else). I remember one time my brother and I had planned to go to the skating rink (that was the place to hang out). As soon as Mama got home, we asked if it would be okay for us to go. The first words out of her mouth were, "Have you finished your chores? Did you finish the ironing?"

"Well, no, but I can...." That argument didn't work. Needless to say, we stayed home that evening.

I thank the Lord for a mother who meant it when she said, "No." We were taught some great lessons of life in those young years, and I can honestly say it is because of her love and devotion that I am the person I am today.

Food for thought: make a "Memory Jar." Remember the time Mom saved the day by making you laugh instead of cry? Did you ever tell her how grown up she made you feel at those "just us girls" lunches? Celebrate those memorable moments, and Mother's Day, by writing memories down and filling a jar with pretty little notes.

Happy Mother's Day!

In His Amazing Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

Ministry Opportunities

In April 2006 the women of the Shiloh Church (Wilson District) started a Red Hat Society, and we called ourselves the Shiloh Praisemakers.

On February 4, 2007, our club expanded to a **Sisterhood of Hats Club** because one of our members developed breast cancer and through chemo lost all her hair. Our group, with a lot of other ladies from our church, began wearing hats for our Sunday morning worship services so Becky Davis would not be alone in wearing a hat. It has caused closeness to one another and compassion that is only seen in Christian women. We give God the praise and the glory for this fellowship of women who have come together to help another sister.

Pictured are Margie Winborne, Becky Davis, Teresa Woodard, Carolyn Rollins, Dottie Boyette, Bonnie Hughes, Lela Belle Langley, Sally Whitley, Denise Davis, Pam Currie, Jennifer Lamm, Lynn Baker, Ann Lamm, Rose Glover, Nora Lucas and Gail Davis.

POTPOURRI....

- Immediately put store receipts in one section of your wallet. Once you get home, stash them all together in an envelope (I use a plastic container). For big-ticket items, attach receipts to the warranty or instruction book.
- The best way to clean a basket: dust it regularly with a clean natural-bristle paintbrush, or the small brush attachment to the vacuum cleaner. For deeper cleaning, dampen a soft white cotton cloth with clean, cold water and blot gently. Let the basket air-dry completely.
- Painted-shut window – run a pizza cutter back and forth in the groove.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, May 5 – Directors' Council (Falcon)**
- **Saturday, June 2 – NCWM Convention (Falcon)**
  Our Theme, Show Your Love
  Guest Speaker, Mrs. Susan Beacham

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A MADE-UP HEART AND MIND

Prov. 23:7 – "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Phil. 2:5 (AMP.) – "Let this same attitude and purpose and (humble) mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus (let Him be your example in humility)."

"Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ" (Phil. 2:5)

A set, settled, trained, transformed, established, pure, clean, clear, opened and the mind of Christ.

- With what *thought* do you get up?
- With what *thought* do you continue your day?
- With what *thought* do you end your day?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you living this life with the power and anointing God created you to have?
- Are your *heart and mind* empowered with the mind of Christ, or do you think like the world?
- Have your *heart and mind* been dulled by what others say *to you* and *about you*?

The mind is the most powerful tool God has given us individually and corporately.

God spoke things into existence, and what he spoke *was*.
We also have the power to speak things that are not as if they were, that's called *faith*.

***"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."* (Heb. 11:1)**

- A person of faith calls on God through prayer.
- A person of faith declares, decrees, and proclaims the Word of God.
- A person of faith worships God at all times, no matter the circumstance.

Our mind may be ruled by our natural heart.
"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9)

Our mind may be ruled by our senses: what we see, touch, smell, hear, and taste.
"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:5, 6)

Our mind may be ruled by our circumstances.
"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me." (John 14:1)

Our mind may be ruled by people, what they say or what they think about us (control or manipulation).
"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

The definition of the word *mind* – 1. Memory, as in, "It brings to mind a story."
2. Opinion, as in, "Speak your mind." 3. What one intends or wills, as in "to change one's mind." 4. That which thinks, feels, etc.; seat of consciousness 5. The intellect.
"As a man thinketh in his Heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7)

The definition of the word *think* – 1. To form or have in the mind, as in "to think bad thoughts." 2. To judge, consider, as in, "He is thought wise." 3. To believe, expect, as in, "I think I can." 4. To use the mind, reflect, or reason. 2. To have opinion, belief, etc.

We are the people of God, and His mind has been imparted to us through His Son, Jesus, and salvation. Having the mind of Christ is a spiritual blessing. Let's continue to have a made-up mind and heart with the attitude and mind of God. I can and I will love, pray, and serve God!
Pray for our nation. Note: National Day of Prayer –May 3, 2007.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Renew the Covenant

A short time ago, while looking through the conference manual, I came across our Articles of Faith. I began to read down the list of what we believe as Christian members of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. "We believe there is but one living and true God," and that "in the unity of this Godhead ... the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost" exist. "We believe that the Son, who is the Word of the Father ... was crucified, dead, and buried, to reconcile the Father to us.... We believe that Christ did truly rise again from the dead."

At this point I began to ask myself, *Am I, and are we as a church, the examples that we should be based on these articles?*

"We believe the Holy Ghost," as part of the Trinity, "is ... very and eternal God."

"We believe the Bible is the word of God...."

As professing Christians, we have an obligation to live a godly life. Our best testimony and witness are how we live our lives and represent our Lord and Savior. "We believe in sanctification." Are we living sanctified lives; does any sin have dominion over us?

"We believe that the Pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire is obtainable by ... faith...." As Pentecostals in today's world, do we want the responsibility of being filled with the Holy Spirit?

"We believe in divine healing as in the atonement." God forgive us of our unbelief that we might not limit His work in our midst.

We believe in the "premillennial second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Don't we all have loved ones, friends close by, who need to know the Lord? Father, I pray that your Holy Spirit will send workers into the field of harvest.

I turned to the previous page and began to read our church covenant. We have been "called out by ... God" and "acquainted with these Articles of Faith and polity of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church." We believe them "to be of God," so we "do solemnly, but cheerfully, and with joy and gladness enter into this covenant; We will watch over one another.... We will abstain from frivolous conversations, such as foolish talking and jesting, and from backbiting and tattling.... We will bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.... We will 'recompense to no man evil for evil.'"

I sense in my spirit and think you will agree there is room for some renewal of covenant among God's people in order to reach men, women, boys, and girls for the cause of Christ in these last days.

I challenge the men of the Pentecostal Holiness Church to join with me; let us renew our commitment to our articles of faith and church covenant. We must realize the responsibilities we have, as men of God, to be leaders of our families and our churches.

Let us work together, fast, pray, read the Word of God, and bring in a harvest of souls before the trumpet sounds.

In early March, I had the privilege to attend the Upper South Carolina Conference Men's Advance. The conference director is Bob Russo, who is doing a great job leading the men there. The key speaker for the advance was Bill Terry, national IPHC Men's Ministries director. Bill is preparing a training module for each quarter of '07. The first quarter material is available now and deals with empowering men. The material is set up in an easy format and available at http://men.iphc.org.

Empowering men, which is part of the Men's Ministries' logo, is essential if we are to preserve the church for the next generation. Should the Lord tarry His return, our grandchildren will not have a local church to attend unless the church of today can stir the hearts of men and challenge them to become the leaders – of their homes, their families, and the church – that God called them to be.

—Jack Nicholson
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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Archives Training Is a Success!

The Archives Department had its annual Archives Training Day on March 24, and we were thrilled to hear Rev. Danny Rollins (as Rev. G. F. Taylor) teach his class of pastors and church historians about the history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Brother Danny did a masterful job of portraying Rev. G. F. Taylor, who was one of the most respected leaders in our early history. It is evident that Brother Danny has labored over the many facts and pages written by and about Rev. G. F. Taylor. Many questions were answered during the question-and-answer section of his presentation.

We were also honored that two of our church historians had sessions about their task of gathering information for their churches' anniversaries and the ways they presented all of the pictures and memorabilia that were collected.

Mrs. Ann Stocks, a member of the St. Paul Church in Greenville, who is also a librarian at East Carolina University, was one of our presenters. Mrs. Stocks gave a lot of good information about all aspects of starting the process of gathering information, up to displaying everything for viewing.

Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard, the church historian for the Thunder Swamp Church, presented the steps she took to acquire and gather together the different pieces of her church's history. Mrs. Blanche also told of how she was able to display all of her pictures, artifacts, and papers in the church fellowship hall. Both ladies had videos of church people and important events in their church's history.

Well done! Each of our presenters did an outstanding job for the training day, and they are all to be commended for their hard work. May God bless you for your contributions to His kingdom's work.

If you were not able to come to our training day this time, please plan to come to our next one. It will be announced in this article, and I will send letters to the ministers in the conference and to the church historians.

Archives Board Change

Brother Phil Mooring has resigned as a member of the Archives Board, and we are in the process of appointing someone to take his place. Phil has been on the board for several years now and has been a real asset to the Archives Department of the N.C. Conference. He has always been supportive in everything we have endeavored to do, and has shared several documents that are a real help in supplying our Archives with needed materials. Thank you, Phil, for all of your time and contributions!

One of the booklets given is *A Manual for South Carolina Religious Archives and Recordkeeping* by Jeanette Bergeron. This manual details many areas so that we, as a church organization, are more informed about the correct way to approach our church records. If you are interested in a copy, I can give you an address to write for the information.

The members of the Archives Board are Mrs. Jean Williams, Mary Belle Johnson, Marvin Howell, Betsy Gainey, and Rev. Danny Rollins.

Did You Know....?

Did you know that Rev. J. B. Williams started the Aulander Camp Meeting around 1910, and the Williams family continued with the camp meeting until the early 1960s? Mrs. Jean Williams has donated to the N.C. Conference Archives a scrapbook that one of her nieces put together on the Aulander Camp Meeting. One quotation taken from the scrapbook reads, "In the past fifteen years, I have helped to build eight churches, and have built one camp meeting shed and camps. The Lord has been wonderful to me. He has blessed me in everything I have put my hands to do."

Rev. J.B. Williams

The Life and Way to Heaven (1923)

Praise the Lord.

The scrapbook of the Aulander Camp Meeting is one of those treasures we have in our possession in the Archives at Falcon. Come by to see us, but let us know when you are coming, please. I am still part-time, and my hours depend on what is going on during that week.

Until next time!

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"His Grace..."

"He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

This is one of my favorite scriptures and is also a song I love to sing. The truth in the first few words will go a long way to comfort our souls when we are down. Christ reassures us of His presence in our lives and therefore gives us a peace that passes all understanding. Our hearts can be breaking, and then we are reminded of these words in God's Holy Word, and our spirits can be renewed by His Presence.

Because we live in this world, whether we be rich or poor, old or young, famous or not so well known, Christian or not, we have to go through heartaches and troubles. No one is immune from problems or heartaches. But as Christians, we are assured of one thing that can keep us when all else fails. God loves us more than we will ever know or experience in this world. God's love is so complete that no matter what we have to go through on this earth, He is ever with us to lead us through the rough times.

I have said many times that we are in the last days of this world and are looking to Jesus' coming back for us. Because we are living here, each day we are faced with all kinds of situations through which we could not make it without the Lord's help. We have the assurance that He is by our side, that He goes before us, and that He is our rearguard, even when we are not even aware of the need of His help.

Sometimes we are called upon to bear some of the most heart-wrenching burdens, but as in one of Chris' sermons, these words taken from scripture say it all: "But God..." There are so many scriptures that start out with these words. (You should do a word study on them.)

It seems that every day we hear of ministerial couples who are facing some really hard problems. Philippians 4:6-7 reads this way: "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Psalm 3:3-4 says, "But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah." What a refreshing treasure we have in the scriptures that are found in God's Word. We need to learn to enjoy these treasures in good times and in bad times.

"I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high" (Psalm 7:17).

"The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings" (Psalm 9:9-11).

Remember each of these scriptures, especially the first one, which says, "His grace is sufficient!" We are His, and He will keep us in His hand because "...neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28b).

Our prayers are constantly with each of you, and know that God is with you and cares about everything that touches your lives. We love you, and may God bless!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Grandes Valores en Nuestra Conferencia

Una de las cosas que podemos decir con seguridad y alabanza a Dios, es que el Señor ha bendecido el ministerio hispano de nuestra Conferencia con tremendos líderes que han servido con fidelidad, sacrificio y dedicación. No tengo espacio para mencionar de una sola vez el nombre, las cualidades y el excelente trabajo que cada uno de ellos hace, pero trataré cada mes de mencionar por lo menos uno de ellos en nuestra revista *Evangel*.

Cabe mencionar que en nuestro medio tenemos buenos predicadores; algunos de ellos son pastores, pero también son buenos evangelistas, a los cuales animo a los pastores e iglesias a utilizarlos en sus campañas, avivamientos y eventos especiales. A continuación les ofrezco una lista de ellos:

Rev. Darío Rodríguez, pastor de Micro
Rev. Francisco Concepción
Rev. Rodolfo Olivo, pastor de Garner/Raleigh
Rev. José Da Silva, Ministro local y miembro de la iglesia en Morehead City
Rev. Rodolfo Nava,. Ministro Local y miembro de la iglesia de Morehead City
Rev. Carlos Núñez, pastor de Princeton

También deseo hacer referencia acerca de la hermana Magali Duarte de Pérez. Ella es la esposa del pastor Edgar Pérez y ambos son los plantadores y pastores de la iglesia hispana en Wilmington. La hermana Magali es del país de Guatemala y ha ministrado por más de 15 años como esposa de pastor, pero también el Señor le usa grandemente como evangelista y oradora. En la ciudad de Coatepeque Guatemala plantaron una iglesia floreciente de la cual plantaron 12 iglesias más en la parte sur del país.

Magali Duarte

La hermana Magali ha ministrado por muchas ciudades de Guatemala y también ha viajado a otros países, recibiendo invitaciones para enseñar la Palabra de Dios. Hoy gracias a Dios la tenemos en nuestro medio y todavía sigue siendo ese instrumento poderoso en las manos de Dios para ministrar al cuerpo de Cristo y ayudar a las iglesias.

Un Ministerio Sobresaliente

Otra noticia sobresaliente que hay que decir es el Ministerio de Servicio que está en la iglesia Capilla de Esperanza en Clayton, donde es pastor el hermano Francisco Suero. Es un grupo de hermanos que han formado un equipo y han puesto a la disposición de la iglesia sus dones, talentos y conocimientos. Ellos van a iglesias y también han ido a algunas casas de hermanos en su tiempo libre para hacer diferentes trabajos como: poner alfombras, hacer paredes, trabajos en pintura y construcción en general. Ellos hacen este trabajo completamente gratis. Las iglesias que los solicitan ponen los materiales y ellos ponen lo que más cuesta, la mano de obra; incluso algunas veces han puesto materiales por cuenta de ellos mismos. Estos hermanos son:

Manuel Maldonado
Emmanuel Reyes
Jorge Reyes
Ignacio Ventura
Giovanni Rivera
Abner Rodas
Juan Moreno y otros más

Los lugares donde han ido para hacer trabajos son: La Iglesia Habitando En El de Fayetteville, pastor Lydia Figueroa, la iglesia Manantial de Avivamiento de Clinton, pastor Enrry Cantarero, la iglesia Buenas Nuevas de Princeton, pastor Carlos Núñez, la Iglesia Fuente de Vida Eterna de Micro, pastor Dario Rodríguez. Tambien han hecho trabajos en casas de algunos pastores y hermanos miembros de algunas iglesias.

En estas fotos, muestra parte del Grupo, renovando la casa de un miembro de la iglesia de Falcon. Hicieron reparaciones significativas a esta hermana de de escasos recursos con cinco hijos.

These pictures show part of the Ministry's group, renovating the house of a Falcon Hispanic Church's member. They made a lot of significant repairs in this house of a sister with very low income and five children.

Ellos merecen nuestra reconocimiento y felicitación por tan preciosa labor que han hecho hasta el día de hoy. Si usted desea más información, llame al pastor Francisco Suero.

El Ministerio Hispano En Marcha

1. En mayo 16 será nuestra reunión MPM de pastores y esposas con el Obispo. Más información será enviada por correspondencia.

2. El viernes 18 de mayo será nuestro Rally Hispano para el distrito norte en la iglesia de Garner donde es pastor el Rev. Rodolfo Olivo. Y el Sábado 19 de mayo el Rally Hispano para el distrito Sur, será en la iglesia Fayetteville, con el pastor Luis Gonzáles.

3. Próxima clase de INE será el 25 y 26 de Mayo en Falcon. Estamos esperando mas de 150 estudiantes, a Dios sea la gloria por esta victoria.

Great Values in Our Conference

One thing we can say certainly and praise God for is that the Lord has blessed the Hispanic Ministry of our conference with great leaders who have served with faithfulness, sacrifice, and dedication. We don't have the space and time to mention all the names, qualities, and excellent work that every one of them is doing, but I will try every month to write something about the ministers in the *Evangel*.

I have to say that among us, we have great preachers; some of them are church pastors, but some are also good evangelists whom I encourage all pastors and churches to invite to your revivals, seminars, and special events. The following is a list of those ministers I am talking about:

Rev. Darío Rodríguez, pastor in Micro
Rev. Francisco Concepción
Rev. Rodolfo Olivo, pastor in Garner/Raleigh
Rev. José Da Silva, local minister and member of the Hispanic Church in Morehead City
Rev. Rodolfo Nava, local minister and member of the Hispanic Church in Morehead City
Rev. Carlos Núñez, pastor in Princeton

I also want to make reference to Rev. Magali Duarte de Perez. She is the wife of Pastor Edgar Perez, and both are planting, working, and leading the Hispanic church in Wilmington. Sister Magali is from Guatemala, and she has been serving for more than 15 years as a pastor's wife, but also the Lord uses her tremendously as an evangelist and speaker. In the city of Coatepeque, Guatemala, they planted a strong church, and out of that church, they planted 12 more in the southern part of the country. Rev. Magali has been preaching in many cities of Guatemala; also, she has been traveling to other countries by invitation to speak the Word of God. Today, thank the Lord, she is part of our family and continues being a great instrument in God's hands to minister to the body of Christ and help the churches. (See picture.)

An Outstanding Ministry

Another good report is about the outstanding ministry that is part of the Chapel of Hope in Clayton, whose pastor is Rev. Francisco Suero. This is a group of brethren who have formed a team, and they unify their gifts, talents, and knowledge and put what they have in service to the church. They visit churches and some of the houses of pastors and church members and perform different jobs in their free time. They do carpeting, walls, painting, and all kinds of general construction work. They do these services for free. The churches that request them have all the materials, and they put in the labor. Sometimes they have provided materials, as you see in the pictures of the house they went to renovate. Some of their names are:

Manuel Maldonado
Emmanuel Reyes
Jorge Reyes
Ignacio Ventura
Giovanni Rivera
Abner Rodas
Juan Moreno, and others

They have already visited and worked in various places to give their labor in laying carpets, painting, etc. Here is a list of the churches: Abiding in Him in Fayetteville, Pastor Lydia Figueroa; Spring of Revival in Clinton, Pastor Enrry Cantarero; Good News in Princeton, Pastor Carlos Núñez; Spring of Eternal Life in Micro, Pastor Dario Rodriguez. They also have been working in some of the ministers' and church members' houses.

We applaud and praise God for what they are doing in these churches. Thank you for a precious work. If you want more information about this ministry, please call Pastor Francisco Suero.

The Hispanic Ministry Is Moving On

1. May 16 we will have our MPM meeting with Bishop Chris Thompson. More information will be given to you by mail in the days to come.

2. Friday, May 18, will be our Hispanic Rally for the North District in the church of Garner, where the pastor is Rev. Rodolfo Olivo. Saturday, May 19, the Hispanic Rally for the South District will be in the church of Fayetteville, with Pastor Luis Gonzales.

3. The next INE training will be May 25-26 in Falcon. We are expecting more than 150 students for this class. To God be the Glory.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Tim B. Henry
Celebrating 91 Years

Where Are They Now...?

Vernon and Eva Clark

Now in his 84th year, Vernon Clark has battled some really difficult health problems in the last few years. However, God has seen him through it all and his health seems better now than in a long time. At the mention of his name, most of us think...a good pastor...a great promoter of foreign missions...and a wonderful dietitian. He and his first wife, Rethea, joined our conference in 1946. They pastored 13 churches over 42 years and retired in 1988. Their ministry was blessed with growth at every church and many souls were won to the Lord. As most of us will readily recall, he and Rethea managed the conference cafeteria for most conference activities for many years, serving up those delicious ***"made from scratch"*** meals. Mrs. Clark passed away shortly after their retirement. At his Lumberton pastorate, Vernon met Eva Bass, whom he married in 1991. She has been a wonderful addition to his life. As Vernon would say, ***"She is one of the best blessings that ever happened to me! I could not have made it without her."*** Vernon and Eva moved to Falcon, much at the insistence of his brother, Wiley. They tend a small garden (3 short rows!) and he still loves to **"rattle the pots"** occasionally. Though not physically able to go and preach, they attend the Culbreth Memorial Church and enjoy living in Falcon.

Kenneth and Gloria Dixon

When Kenneth Dixon was 21 years old, lost and lonely, the Lord graciously saved him in a Free Will Baptist Church. He knew nothing about the deeper experiences of grace until Rev. H. P. Woodard told him about sanctification. Almost immediately he knew that that blessing was what he needed. So he sought the Lord and was sanctified. From there he was filled with the Spirit and called to preach the Gospel at age 22. His loneliness was taken care of when he met Miss Gloria Kirk whom he married in 1958. This wonderfully talented couple joined not only their hearts for one another but their love and desire to see people won to the Lord. They joined the conference in 1960 and pastored for a couple of years, then evangelized for 9 years. Afterwards they re-entered the pastorate and their ministry has been most successful. Together they have prayed, played, sung and preached the Gospel for almost 48 years! And, they are not through yet! Though retired, they continue to pastor the Bridgeton PH Church. One of their favorite songs is ***"Until Then"***. The words of that song somewhat echo their feelings about working in the Lords vineyard - ***"until then my heart will go on singing, until then with joy I'll carry on, until the day my eyes behold that city, until the day God calls me home!"***

The Halls

Celebrated by the Hope Mills Church

In keeping with our emphasis on ***"May, Retired Ministers Month"***, Rev. Conrad and Mavis Hall were wonderfully honored by the Hope Mills PH Church where Rev. Elton Bryan and wife, Frances, serve as pastors. The Bryans planned the service well, all of it toward honoring God and a wonderful couple who have given their lifetime to serving the Lord and others.

Most of the children and grandchildren were present and took part in the service. The Hall's two daughters, **Faith** and **Karen** had prepared a special tribute to their parents, reflecting on their growing up in the home of a preacher. They said, *"All in all we feel fortunate to have been raised as a preacher's kid. There were times when we did rebel and turned away, but we did not go far. We realized that there was nothing out there for us...for when you have been grounded on the solid rock, Jesus Christ, you return to God, just as the prodical."*

It means so much to parents when their children grow up and tell them that they appreciate their love and patience and bless them for their correction and guidance. Conrad said, *"It was a wonderful day and Mavis and I will cherish it for many years to come."* There were many other honors bestowed upon them. A special plaque expressing appreciation for their life and ministry was presented by Pastor Bryan.

It's Not Too Late To Participate In *May, Retired Ministers Month!*

In celebration of the Retired Minister in May, we do not want to overlook the spouses of our retired ministers, the ***"ones that have made them what they are!"*** Much too often these precious ones are forgotten, but their role in the church and home is vital to the success of the minister.

Another group of spouses that often feel especially lonely and sometimes forgotten are the spouses of our ***deceased retired ministers.*** Think of it, they were once greatly involved in helping, praying, and assisting their preacher spouse with every phase of pastoral responsibility. Then all at once, that involvement ceased because their loved one was taken from them. **We have 45 spouses of deceased ministers in our conference.** There names and addresses are available upon request. Call me. -WTC

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Global Outreach, Model Churches

Missions:

We have just completed our 2007 **Great Commission Meals** with 733 in attendance, 115 churches represented, and 92 pastors attending. We had an excellent lineup of missionary speakers; also, we had the executive director of WMM, Dr. Doug Beacham, and our newly appointed People to People director, Rev. Matt Bennett, who also serves as director of the National Missionary Program. The response was great, and we believe the 2007 Global Outreach promotional season has been kicked off with a bang! During the meals, we always receive a special offering with a designated project in mind. This year, the project was the Guthrie Bible Training Center in Malawi. I had set my goal for $2,000. I must say that my faith was weak, because the people responded well; at the conclusion of the meals, we had received over $6,400! To God be the glory, and thank you, thank you, thank you to the participants. Only eternity will reveal the extent and effect of this generous gift to the school.

By the time you read this article, we will be approximately 120 days out from the annual **Global Outreach Celebration Service** on Sunday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m. in the Camp Meeting auditorium. I must say I'm already excited about the service and the fact that we *will* reach and surpass the goal of **$310,000**. I fully believe that we will achieve and exceed this figure.

We now have 50 8-Star-achieving churches in the conference. Praise God for that achievement! However, whatever level you and your church have reached, thank you for your concern and burden for World Missions Ministries, yet I want to challenge you to go to the "next level" and reach the 8-Star Level.

As you know, there are criteria to be met in order to reach each "star level." One of the criteria to reach the 8th star level is to support **Operation Timothy**. This is a powerful opportunity; again, as I've already said concerning the offering during the Great Commission Meals, only eternity will reveal the effect of your and/or your church's getting on board. We have 32 Bible schools/training centers scattered throughout the mission field. *You* can enable a "called" man or woman to receive training and return to his or her home area or country to plant churches, to pastor, or to be involved as a leader in the church. The commitment is only $20 a month ($240/year). This is indeed a minute sacrifice to train a person to be an effective minister in his homeland. You can give this offering through your local church; however, always designate it as Operation Timothy, project #00015. For more information on this ministry, please call our office and request a brochure.

I look to 2007 to be our greatest year ever in Missions awareness, concern, and financial support. I stand ready to serve you, Pastor. I would be honored and privileged to come to your church on a Sunday a.m., p.m., or midweek service and have the opportunity to challenge and motivate your people to the vision of World Missions.

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Global Outreach, Model Churches cont.

World Missions involvement is not an option. I challenge *you* in the 120 days to August 12 to a day's wage for Global Outreach.

Evangelism:

On Tuesday, we completed our first of six training sessions of the **Model Church Strategy**. The sessions took place simultaneously in six locations across the conference. There were 185 in attendance, with 34 churches represented. The response has been positive and exciting! Every church can go to "**the next level**." However, the training is not enough; there must be implementation.

The first session covered the vital subject of "**vision**." Andy Stanley said in his book, *Visioneering*, that vision is *"the clear mental picture of what could be, kindled by the conviction that it should be."* In his book, *The Power of Vision*, George Barna defines vision as *"a clear mental image of a preferable future imparted by God to His chosen servants and ... based upon an accurate understanding of God, self and circumstances."* Developing vision and direction toward the future is one of the primary tasks of your leadership.

Every church in the North Carolina Conference, *regardless of numbers*, should have a vision statement; it is the responsibility of the pastor to initiate that effort.

Characteristics of true vision:

» It focuses on the future.

» It recognizes a view must be from God's perspective.

» It recognizes that God's desire is to bless His people.

» It is founded in God's redemptive purposes.

» It seeks God's specific assignment.

Your vision statement must be unique to your own congregation, regardless of size or location.

We are definitely in the time of the end-time harvest/opportunity. Pastors, you must take advantage of every opportunity and tool – which must be accompanied by prayer – to focus and mobilize your church to reap the harvest and prepare a people ready for Christ's return. The Model Church Strategy is simply a tool that you can utilize to mobilize and prepare your people to more fully be the church that God ordained you to become.

2006 was a great year as far as new/organized churches were concerned; however, we have 215+ existing churches that must grasp hold of the determination to grow and expand. I challenge you, Pastors, to lead your leadership team in the remaining Model Church Strategy sessions. For more information or to register for these sessions, please call the conference office.

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–John 4:35

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Are We Missing the Boat?

by Terry Whittenton, NC Conference Evangelist and CEM Board Member

The thought of a cruise is exciting! However, with my family and me, there is just one small problem. My lovely wife gets motion sickness very easily. But I know a lot of people who have gone. In fact, some of our very best friends experienced the excitement of the large boat ride not too long ago. Oh, how relaxing and fun their adventure! This type of trip depends upon a lot of planning. Let's see, there is the task of choosing the date to go, deciding what to wear and how long to be gone, and don't forget *money*. These trips are filled with lovely sights and interesting new people, and of course, *food*. Just imagine a 24-hour-a-day buffet with nothing but the best. (What will we do without Cracker Barrel?) Eventually, everything is set, and our adventure is about to happen. Can you imagine what it will be like if, for some reason or other – after all the planning, the thrill, the thoughts and energy – when you get to the dock, you find you have missed the boat? Just think of the letdown and disappointment you would experience!

Are we "missing the boat" when it comes to ministering to the junior age of our churches? Kevin Arnold, from the *Wonder Years* program, made this comment: "There was no question now; we were entering uncharted territory. Junior high school was a whole new ball of wax." Does this sound familiar? We have done a great job in ministering to the teens. Finally, we are beginning to make strides in ministry to the children, but what about the juniors? This age group is too young to be teens and too old too be kids, but want to experience both. So these precious lives are stuck somewhere in the middle. The problem is that, in most cases, the church hasn't recognized we are losing them. Moreover, we have provided little or no ministry to their targeted age group.

Ministry to this age group is going to require someone who understands the *changes* that are taking place in their lives. Take a look at the changes these young people are facing:

1. **Physical Change**: The onset of puberty. Muscles are developing. Growth spurts and attraction to opposite sex. Acne begins. Physical appearance and physical coordination.
2. **Social Change:** Increase in number of friends. Popularity becomes a stronger motivator. Increase of influence from their peers. Stronger desire to become more independent.
3. **Emotional Change:** Become more expressive. Ups and downs happen more often. Emotions are more extreme. Low self-esteem.
4. **Spiritual Change:** Will question childhood faith. "Because the Bible says so" is no longer the acceptable answer. Application of spiritual principles begins. Want an experience of their teaching.

Wow! What a challenge. Could it be we are missing the boat in this area because we have not prepared ourselves for how to minister properly to our junior highers? This task is awesome. So if we are to keep from missing the boat, what are some practical things leaders can do to better identify and understand this untapped resource?

CAUTION: Reading this could be helpful to you in reaching junior high students.

1. Watch some MTV.
2. Read some things they read; check out magazines geared toward their age group.
3. Look back at your old yearbooks and remember what life was like at that time.
4. When walking through the mall, be aware of how advertisers are gearing ads toward them.
5. Volunteer at school. We often complain about the school, yet we do little to make our presence known.
6. Surf the Internet: Caution – don't be surprised at what this age is being exposed to.
7. Ask your parents what you were like when you were this age.
8. Be open to listen.
9. Be willing to get out of your comfort zone.
10. Ask God to give you a heart for them.

Missing the boat is not fun. It is also embarrassing. Hmm, wonder what it will be like to stand before the Lord if He says, "You missed the boat with your juniors." This age is a prime target for teaching, leading, and instilling godly principles. All it takes is for someone to be willing to give of his or her time and energy.
See ya on the deck!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Many hands make light work! A cord of three strands is not quickly broken! In other words, we need *you*. If you can give your time, gifts, or service, please contact the CEM office at (910) 980-1162 or cem@nc.rr.com. If you would like some ideas on how to give, please see the Needs List below or on our website at www.nccem.net.

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"The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; **he will save**, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing."
–Zephaniah 3:17

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

District Churches of the Year for 2006

A Blessed Miracle In the Making

We have received a breakthrough and are in the process of a greater breakthrough. In September 2006, the Breakthrough Revival Center, Greenville, North Carolina, joined the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Breakthrough church is pastored by Reverend Stacy Hilliard. The church is located near the medical center in Greenville. Presently the church has 120 members and is running near 150 in morning worship attendance. The church is multicultural but is primarily African American. This was our first predominantly African-American congregation.

Since September another African-American church has joined the conference. This is the Seed of Faith Ministries in Fayetteville, North Carolina, pastored by Reverend Marvin Smith. Pastor Smith is the bishop of five churches under Seed of Faith Ministries. These are located in Spring Valley, New York; Kinston; Fayetteville; Bladenboro; and Atlanta, Georgia. We are hopeful these will join the conference as well. The church in Spring Valley, pastored by Reverend Donna Hawkins, will be joining the conference on June 15, 2007.

Brother Smith has been appointed as the district director of the Seed of Faith Ministries. As such, he sits on the Evangelism Board. He is a great leader and will add much to the conference.

In addition, Reverend Michael Gadsden of Savannah, Georgia, has joined the North Carolina Conference. Brother Gadsden is the bishop of several churches. He has churches in Savannah, Atlanta, and Charlotte, North Carolina. We hope many of these churches will join the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

One might ask, what about these churches in other states? The answer is simple. If God directs, and both parties feel it is the Lord's will to unite, then unite we will. Later, these churches will be directed to unite with conferences in their area. This would facilitate better fellowship, growth, etc.

From five to ten other African-American ministers are seriously considering joining the North Carolina Conference. God is at work. A fervent and effectual door is opening for the conference. We must go through it.

In the beginning of the 20th century, the whites and blacks of eastern North Carolina received their Pentecost together. Reverend G. B. Cashwell preached and ministered the Pentecostal experience to all, regardless of race. The Spirit brought the races together, but culture divided them. Our forefathers yielded to the culture of the times.

We now are being given a second chance. The Spirit again is drawing us together. There is no reason why the churches cannot work, serve, and worship together.

In Acts 11:26, the members were called Christians first at Antioch. In Acts 13:1-3, a reader can decipher with minimal research that the church was multicultural. *Lord, may we be called Christians again, and may we reach all people for Christ.*

One of my personal goals is that the North Carolina Conference will be composed of churches from all ethnic groups. When I stand on the platform and look into the faces of our conference family, I desire to see faces of all ethnic groups. I am talking about the ethnic groups that make up our various communities.

In America the church is still the most segregated institution. This must change. Only the Spirit can make this change.

Praise the Lord that most of our conference churches are multicultural. Praise the Lord that we now have churches of the four largest ethnic groups in our communities – European Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, and Native American. God is at work! Praise His wonderful name.

On Sunday night, April 29, 2007, history was made again. Reverend Stacy Hilliard, mentioned earlier, received the laying on of hands as the African-American Co-coordinator of the North Carolina Conference. Pastor Hilliard had been appointed by the North Carolina Conference Evangelism Board and approved by the North Carolina Conference Board.

Brother Hilliard was summoned to the front of the Saint Paul Church in Greenville, North Carolina, by Bishop Chris Thompson. A joint service was held in his honor to celebrate his five-year anniversary at Breakthrough Revival Center. Bishop Thompson, Evangelism/World Missions Director Danny Nelson, District Evangelism Director Pastor Marvin Smith, District Evangelism Director Pastor Allen Mayo, Conference WIN Director Pastor Lydia Figueroa, National African-American Coordinator Reverend Macon Wilson, and Vice Chairman of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church Dr. Ronald W. Carpenter laid their hands on Pastor Hilliard and his lovely wife Bobbi. Reverend Carpenter, who was the invited preacher of the service, prayed. Heaven came down! (Several other pastors were present and assisted in the prayer – Reverend Larry Wright, Reverend Reggie Ethridge, and Reverend Wiley Hughes.)

We are not sure where the Lord is leading in this blessed miracle. We just know these things.....

- It is His will!
- He is directing!
- It is long overdue!
- We are enjoying the journey!
- We are full of great anticipation!

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Spirit-Led Preaching: The Holy Spirit's Role in Sermon Preparation and Delivery by Greg Heisler. Nashville: B and H Publishing Company. 156 pages.

In the days of the Hebrew prophet Micah, the climate of opinion was against Spirit-led preaching because his balanced message consisted of blessing, hope, reproof, rebuke, and exhortation. Unlike the spiritual predicament of his day, when the "land barons' grapes of materialism were fermented by the yeast of corrupt magistrates, sped up by the sugar and heat of the false prophets' perverse messages," Micah presented himself as full of the Spirit of I AM. Although the people of Judah had little tolerance for confrontational preaching, Micah "full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might," declared to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin (Micah 3:8). The Word of I AM came to Micah (1:1) and the Spirit of I AM (3:8) enabled him to preach it with effective power. As John MacArthur stated, "The truth of God does not tickle our ears; it boxes them. It burns them. It reproves, rebukes, convicts; then it exhorts and encourages."

What is Spirit-led preaching? What is divine power in preaching? What is the preacher's primary task? Heisler, assistant professor of preaching, stated that Spirit-led preaching is not eloquence, superior wisdom, persuasive wording, or manipulative gimmicks. A Spirit-led sermon is the product that "comes only at a great price:

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Retired Ministers' Birthdays

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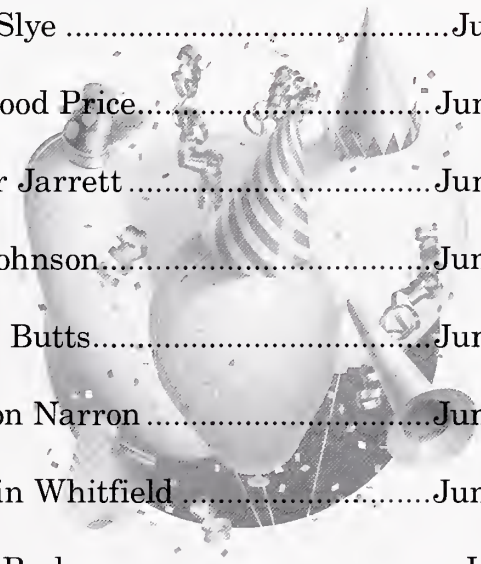

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consistently walking with God in humility, daily seeking and surrendering to the Lord through prayer, and living clean and pure before God." Ralph Turnbull offered a concurring statement when he wrote, "Preaching is the art of making a preacher and delivering that. Preaching is the outrush of a soul in speech. Therefore the business of preaching is not with the preaching but the preacher. It is no trouble to preach – but a vast trouble to construct a preacher!"

Spirit-led preaching involves personal character, sermon preparation, and delivery. The role of the Holy Spirit must be paramount in all of these. This is Heisler's point. The Spirit of God wants to quicken the minds and hearts of the audience to hear and respond to the Word by empowering and guiding the preacher's presentation of the Word of God. Spirit-led preaching is not about gathering a crowd. It is not about promoting the preacher. Spirit-led preaching glorifies God because the primary communicator in any true preaching event is not the preacher anyway.

Heisler's book is not a treatise on homiletics. It does not present a detailed and thorough mechanics of sermon preparation and delivery. The focus is on the role of the Holy Spirit in preaching. He advocates that Spirit-driven preaching culminates in Christological witness and Spirit-filled living. In a day when the Church is being tempted to rely upon gadgets, glitter, gowns, and galas to enhance the worship service, resulting in a deluded confidence of God's truth and power, Pentecostals must not only believe in the Spirit's power but also challenge the powerlessness among us. Powerless and passionless preaching cannot possibly be Spirit-led. Pentecostal preachers worth their salt long for a greater anointing by the Spirit of the living God because they understand that without His help, His anointing, preaching would not be possible. In other words, we can't function without unction. "Anointed lives give birth to anointing preaching."

Micah of Moresheth, called and sent by Yahweh, was full of power by the Spirit of the Lord. The sign of the Spirit's presence in his ministry was not the "ecstasy of the moment, but the ability to persevere vigorously and victoriously in the face of uncommon hostility." May God increase his tribe!

The Holy Spirit and Power by John Wesley (revised and updated by Clare Weakly). Gainesville, Florida: Bridge-Logos Publishers. 267 pages.

This book of 10 sermons by John Wesley will enlighten and encourage the Christian who seeks to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life and ministry. The 21st-century Church needs to hear Wesley, who labored to speak plainly and scripturally. Anyone who traveled over 250,000 miles (many on horseback) and delivered as many as 42,000 sermons, becoming the spiritual father of more than 35 denominations, has my attention. Wesley declared, "How few are acquainted in any degree with the work of the Holy Spirit, and His supernatural work of the souls of men and women!"

The format of the book lends itself to group discussion. Reflection questions are included at the end of each of the 13 chapters. Also, "Holy Spirit power points," directed specifically to the Spirit's person and work, give additional information to think about and discuss. For example, "The whole essence of true religion is in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. – The Holy Spirit gives us the power to walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh, and not to sin. – Stewardship demands all the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit working in us. – The Christian is never justified in sinning because the indwelling Spirit within gives the Christian the power to resist sin."

There is good reading here. The book gives helpful insight into the Holy Spirit. It is very practical. Translated into modern English, with the view of helping believers adorn the Gospel of God, this classic is sure to provide rich material for Bible study and sermon preparation. In fact, this book will remain in close proximity to my study desk. Anyone who seriously seeks to proclaim the Word of God out of the overflow of a heart set on fire by God ought to read and study the sermons of John Wesley on the Holy Spirit. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." *(James 1:17)*

In her book *Basket of Blessings: 31 Days to a More Grateful Heart*, Karen O'Conner shares her experience with practicing thankfulness. "If you want to be content, to experience peace," a friend had told Karen, "write down your blessings – the things you're grateful for – on slips of paper and put them in a small basket or box or bag. Soon it will be full to overflowing. From time to time, look at what you wrote. No one can be discontent for long with so much to be thankful for."

Well, I would like to share with you how grateful we are for our district directors. They are faithful in serving as a liaison for NCWM to the local Women's Ministries groups.

Our New Bern District director is Mrs. Rose Alligood. Rose held her spring district rally on Saturday, April 14, at the Hodges Chapel PH Church in Chocowinity. She had two great speakers: Mrs. Juanita Garner talked to us about "Women of Wisdom," and Mrs. Delores Staton spoke about "His Righteous Path." Door prizes were given; wonderful lasagna with salad lunch was served. It was a great rally. Thank you, Rose!

On Thursday, April 19, Winnie White held the Clinton District rally at the Sharon PH Church in Clinton. It was "A Night of Prayer and Praise." Winnie decided to add a twist to her rally by inviting each church in the district to participate in a WM Gaither-Style Reunion. When the women sang, "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary," it sounded like angels singing. Shanna Spell sang, "Ain't No Grave Going to Hold Me Down," we all thought we were leaving, and then Melodie Jones sang, "My Sister's Keeper." Kudos to everyone who participated; it was absolutely wonderful. Thank you, Winnie, for allowing the Lord to use you to bless us.

To the local WM directors, we thank you for your love and support of Women's Ministries. You are a blessing.

Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"& the NCWM

Miracle Shared at Sharing Sister Gathering

The Kinston First Women's Ministries and the West Road WM met recently for a time of laughter, prayer, devotion, and, of course, food! This event was hosted by the Kinston First WM with an Independence Day theme. Janice Warren, KFPH WM director, welcomed everyone and introduced the guests. The speaker of the evening was Deb Cox. After collapsing within 48 hours of surgery, Deb was pronounced dead for 52 minutes. She collapsed as a result of a pulmonary embolism. When the doctor was summoned to the hospital room, she was alive! Deb shared the details of this miraculous story and is living proof that God can do *anything!*

Deb Cox with her mother, Lib Grice (center) and WM Circle Leader, Kelley Jenkins

POTPOURRI....

- If your stainless steel looks a bit dull and streaky, rub it with a soft, clean cloth dabbed with a little vinegar.
- Stop a run in your stockings with a swipe of a glue stick. It works as well as nail polish without the mess.
- To make dried-out cupcakes and muffins taste oven-fresh, brush them with milk and place in a warm oven for six to eight minutes.
- Always store eggs large side up in the refrigerator. This keeps the yolks centered in their shells and away from air sacs in the large end, which, if allowed to contact yolks, can hasten spoiling.

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Faith Does Not Move!

"... As God has dealt to each one a measure of faith." (Rom. 12:3)

Lift your voice unto God as ministers and pray, "O God, give me the measure of faith that I need at this time to accomplish my assignment."

In this verse Paul refers to his own function in the body as an authoritative apostle through the grace given to him by God. The "measure of faith" he is speaking of is not saving faith, but the faith to receive, exercise, and fulfill the gifts apportioned to us. The "measure of faith" has to do with the assignment or role God gives to you as Ruler, King, Creator, and Redeemer.

The word *faith*, according to Noah Webster's Dictionary, means:

1. In theology, the assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed. Simple belief in the perfection of God and the existence, character, and doctrines of Christ, founded on the testimony of the sacred writers, is called historical or speculative faith.

2. Evangelical justifying or saving faith is the assent of the mind to the truth of divine revelation, on the authority of God's testimony, accompanied with a cordial assent of the will or approbation of the heart, an entire confidence or trust in God's character and declaration, and in the character and doctrine of Christ, with an unreserved surrender of the will to His guidance and dependence on His merit for salvation.

The faith needed as a minister is "a measure of Faith" from God.

We need to receive "a measure of faith" from God in order to continue to serve in His Kingdom with power, anointing, and direction, "for we walk by *faith* not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7) Live according to the truth of God's Word and the testimony of His Spirit.

Faith chooses to believe God's Word above the evidence of the senses, knowing natural circumstances are to be kept subject to the Word of God. Faith is not denying the circumstance; rather, it is believing God's testimony and living in agreement with it.

Take time to read and meditate on this:

- Cast down but not conquered (2 Cor. 4:7-15).
- Seeing the invisible (2 Cor. 16-18).
- "Therefore do not lose heart" (2 Cor. 4:16)
  (Because of the faith in the future resurrection and because of the present experience of God's renewing power).
- We must continue to preach with courage, power, and determination as Paul did (2 Cor. 4:1).
- Faith does not move – it stands.
- Faith does not doubt – it believes.
- Faith does not give up – it waits; it's steadfast.
- Faith does not move because of circumstances – it moves beyond.
- Faith does not stand alone – it says, "I know in whom I believe."
- Faith does not believe in what you can do – but what God can do and is doing.

"... As God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Rom 12:3).

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Gone Golfing With God

The first weekend of May, 30 men came together in Manning, S.C., for a golf outing. The weather was not all that great (cool and cloudy at times), but the golfing was wonderful!

Friday morning, we gathered early for breakfast and fellowship before the first round began. One man in the group was really sick. So we did what the Bible tells us we should: we made a circle around him, laid our hands on him, and prayed for him. God hears! Not only was he able to play golf, but his sickness went away and did not return.

Saturday night, we met in the fellowship hall for a time of devotion. I talked to the men about "The Power of Prayer." I read from the book of James, chapter 5, that when someone is sick, he should call on the elders to anoint him and pray over him. I also talked about how we need to draw ourselves to Jesus to the point that Satan cannot hurt us. At the end of the devotion, a man came forward to be anointed and prayed over for a condition that has recurred in his body. We believe God heard our prayers for him and will answer according to His perfect will.

When men of God come together in His presence, great and powerful things will happen. You see, the weekend was more than just a golf outing; it was men seeking God and finding Him. I would like to close this by quoting something I found in a devotion book. I think it is powerful and worth sharing:

Resolve

I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed;
I have the Holy Spirit power.
The die has been cast;
I have stepped over the line.
The decision has been made;
I'm a disciple of His.
I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.
My past is redeemed; my present makes sense; my future is secure.
I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving, and dwarfed goals.
I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity.
I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded.
I now live by faith, lean in His presence, walk by patience, am uplifted by prayer, and I labor with power.

God bless you,
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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Celebrate Your Heritage

May 6, 2007, was a very special Sunday in the life of the Shiloh PH Church of Godwin, N.C. The church board and family celebrated their heritage of 100 years of service and praise to God. It was a mighty day of praises to God through music, testimony, and preaching of the Word. The church was full, and everyone was excited about the testimony of what the Lord has done through the dedicated members of the church and those who gave of their means to the work of the Lord. Plaques were given to each of the living former pastors, including the conference bishop. The church history was given in a special bulletin and then was presented on PowerPoint with narration. All the hard work of the anniversary committee resulted in a very special day that those who attended completely enjoyed.

I hope all of you who read this will be influenced in such a way that you will want to have a heritage celebration for your church. People need to know the hardships, along with the good times, that a church family went through to bring a church to where it is today. A Heritage Sunday is a special day set aside in the local church to honor its past accomplishments and encourage the congregation by seeing God's faithfulness throughout those times.

Why have a Heritage Sunday? Scripture reminds us of the importance of sharing with our children the ways in which the Lord has led us and blessed us. Many times, God reminds us "to remember" or "to write" the happenings of our lives so that others may know what God has done. There were times when memorial stones were placed in areas where God performed miracles for His chosen people in order that their children would know what happened there. Let me encourage you to celebrate your church!

Volunteers

I still need volunteers to help in the Archives Department. There are all kinds of jobs to be done, such as filing, cataloging, typing information into the computer, reorganizing the storage room, working on the brick books, and sorting through *Advocates*, *Evangels*, and *Minutes*. Please consider coming to Falcon for a morning or even a day and learn more about your Archives here in Falcon. You will not regret the time you give to this worthy cause. Thanks!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the Town of Falcon has a walking tour? Several years ago, when Chris became Archives director, he put together a little brochure of several of the buildings and sights of the town of Falcon to make a walking tour for those who do not know much about our little village. As time has gone by, he also was able to get wooden plaques made up for most of the buildings. Some of the personal homes in Falcon also have a plaque beside the door. At this writing, we are in the process of updating this brochure because of losing the Taylor House and then building the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. We hope to have this new brochure ready by camp meeting.

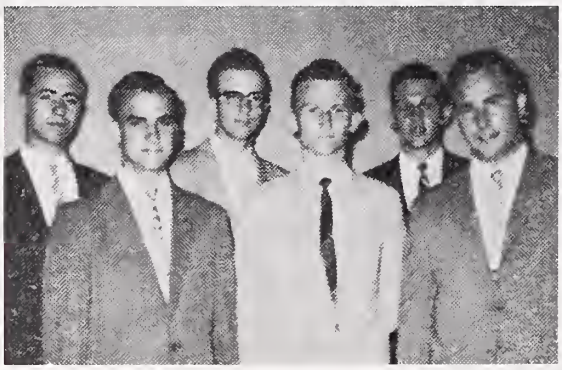
Pictures Needed!

If you have pictures of any of our ministers and their spouses, please pass them (or a good copy) on to the Archives Department. We do not have pictures or any information about many of our older ministers. If you have anything, please make a copy or send us the original to take care of; we would really appreciate it. Many of our churches are working on their histories and would like to have pictures of some of their former pastors, so please help us out. Thanks!

Until next time...

Do You Know Who These Young Men Are?

I've decided to not tell you who these young men are until our next issue. I think it will be interesting to hear who you think they are. *Hint:* They were Bible school students available for summer work in1958.



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"Fear or Faith?"

Our Presiding Bishop James Leggett asked a question during the Retired Ministers and Spouses Retreat that has stayed with me. The question was this: "Which voice will you listen to, the voice of fear or the voice of faith?"

When a problem comes to us, we are often taken off guard and find ourselves flailing around like a fish that is caught on the line of a fisherman. We are out of control, and we are trying to get out of the situation without any sense of direction or reason. But once we get some sense of reality, God begins to speak to us and reassure us of His presence and His great love.

Luke 12:32 says, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." This scripture, along with many others, reassures us of His love and guidance. Just as the good shepherd leads and takes care of his sheep, we know that our Good Shepherd will take care of us and supply our every need.

Deuteronomy 31:6 reads as follows: "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee, he will not fail thee nor forsake thee."

While living in this world, we all go through hardships that seem to take the breath out of our existence, and we seem just to fall to the ground with no strength to keep going, but God comes to our rescue and breathes the breath of faith into our being with the anointing of His precious Holy Spirit. How blessed we are to have a God who not only cares about our every thought, but overwhelmingly comes to us with the grace to go on!

Fear can sometimes numb you so that you cannot even seem to trust the Lord, but because of His faithfulness, He keeps coming to us and reminding us of His love and concern for our every heartache. We also need to step out in faith and search for Him in His Word and in prayer.

God's Word is one of the greatest ways for God to speak to His children. There is nothing like having a problem, then going to the Scriptures and having God give you exactly what you need. His Word is always true and faithful to be what we need in time of trouble.

God also uses His servants to call or send a message to you when you need it. So many times we seem to seek an answer for ourselves, but then God will interrupt us by a phone call or someone coming by, and we are renewed by His Spirit through one of His choice servants.

What is faith? Hebrews 11 tells us that "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Why is it so hard to have faith to believe in God and His goodness? Satan will sometimes blind our eyes to the victory and peace that we can have in Christ Jesus. If we can only look to Jesus, who died for us and shed His blood for us on the cross, we can be healed of sin, sickness, and all forms of discouragement.

I cannot help but believe that we are living in the last days of this world and that if Satan cannot get us to serve him, then He is out to discourage us and keep us from doing all that God has for us to do. So many of our people have sicknesses that have come upon loved ones, and we tend to be so discouraged that we see no answer except what the doctor tells us. But God is still on His throne, and Jesus is still standing right beside us and interceding for us. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)" (Hebrews 10:22, 23).

Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Along with reading the Word, we need to pray to our heavenly Father and seek to do His will and thus find strength for our souls. Prayer is the key that opens the door to the answers to our problems. I believe with all my heart that no prayer goes unanswered. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens" (Lamentations 3:40, 41).

Are you living in fear or in faith? Remember whom we serve; remember He is the only one who has the answers we need. May God bless!

Ministers' Wives Fellowship Meeting During Camp Meeting

Saturday, August 11, 2007

The annual Ministers' Wives Fellowship meeting will be Saturday, August 11, 2007, in the Fellowship Hall of the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m., and the program starts at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Susan Beacham, wife of Rev. Doug Beacham, World Missions director for the IPHC, will be our guest speaker. Susan is also a member of the IPHC Ministers' Wives Fellowship Board. Our theme this year is "Who will fill my shoes?" We want to invite all of our ministers' wives, widows of ministers, and lady ministers to attend this special meeting.

Our newest member of the N.C. Conference MWF Board is Mrs. Sharon Dunning, wife of Rev. Dwight Dunning, assistant CEM director. Other members of the board are Regenia Whitfield, Edna Parker, Kim Wood, Lilliana Avila, and Laura Boyd.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Dios Desea Construir Nuestro Ser en Vez de Nuestro Hacer

En Mateo 6:33 leemos la siguiente escritura: "Mas buscad primeramente el reino de Dios y su justicia, y todas estas cosas os serán añadidas."

El área más importante de nuestra vida es poner atención a Dios, en lo que El está haciendo, lo que El hará y lo que El desea de y para nosotros. Los cristianos necesitan no estar conformes con solo algunas prácticas espirituales, tales como: ir a la iglesia, leer un poco la Biblia, o hacer algo de oración. La vida cristiana se debe vivir en forma intensa, amando a Dios, buscando la voluntad de Dios para nosotros y mostrando a los demás Su amor y poder por medio de nuestra vida.

Necesitamos estar hambrientos por Dios, y esta es la única manera de ponerlo a El primero, y la única manera, no importa lo que estemos enfrentando o por lo que estemos atravesando, de que El se haga lo más importante, lo más grande y lo más necesario para el momento que estemos viviendo.

Tenemos que estar preocupados en ser más que en hacer. El Señor está preocupado en el ser de nuestras vidas que en el hacer. Hace varios días escuché la palabra "Trabajohólico" refiriéndose a las actividades de la gente, de sus programas personales y su tiempo tan ocupado y lleno de tantas cosas. La gente está construyendo sus vidas sobre la base de las cosas materiales, en vez de hacerlo en los valores espirituales y en los grandes principios de Dios.

En Mateo 6:31-34 leemos: "No os afanéis, pues, diciendo: Que comeremos, o que beberemos, o que vestiremos? Porque los gentiles buscan todas estas cosas; pero vuestro Padre celestial sabe que tenéis necesidad de todas estas cosas. Mas buscad primeramente el reino de Dios y su justicia, y todas estas cosas os serán añadidas."

Note lo que la Biblia dice: Podemos aprender muchas cosas de este pasaje, pero el énfasis en esta escritura es "Necesitamos y tenemos que poner como prioridad las cosas eternas en nuestra vida, y nos las cosas temporales". Cuando la Biblia dice "busca primero" esto nos muestra una verdad: Los seres humanos somos buscadores. Ese no es el problema, no estamos faltos de habilidades para buscar. El problema es que no estamos buscando lo correcto en nuestra vida, que es lo que estamos buscando? La palabra buscar significa: hacer diligencias para hallar o encontrar a una persona o cosa. El reino de Dios es lo máximo, es lo supremo, busquémoslo primero. Mateo 6:33

Como personas buscamos algo, lo que busquemos debe ser el reino de Dios. Eso es lo que viene primero en nosotros y nuestra búsqueda por las cosas. Cuando la Biblia dice "y todas estas cosas os serán añadidas", hablando acerca de la comida, la bebida y la ropa, Dios no está tratando de darnos esas cosas si lo buscamos primero, no debemos buscar a Dios solo porque deseamos recibir las cosas materiales; debemos de buscar a Dios porque tenemos que hacerlo, El lo manda, lo necesitamos y porque El es Dios.

Muchas personas saben que las cosa temporales no es un buen fundamento para la vida, pero sí lo es el carácter. Necesitamos estar preocupados por el desarrollo del carácter, permitiendo al Señor que nos moldee y nos forme de cuerdo con Su voluntad y a Su imagen. Ahora nos preguntamos, como vamos a obtener Su imagen, si no estamos haciendo lo necesario para buscar a Dios. Si nosotros ponemos tanta diligencia en el trabajo y en hacer dinero, el cual usamos y necesitamos para comprar las cosas para vivir, o si ponemos tanta diligencia para conseguir posiciones en la vida que aseguran nuestro futuro; aunque en muchos casos nosotros no solo estamos trabajando para vivir, sino para obtener cosas que en realidad no necesitamos. Lo grave es que no se está poniendo mucha diligencia en buscar al Señor y obtener buen carácter de El. Cuál puede ser la razón para esta condición, la razón es porque el Reino de Dios no es una prioridad en la vida de muchas personas. Debemos de buscarlo aun más que las cosas temporales de esta vida.

Tenemos temor de no poder sobrevivir, por eso ponemos tanto esfuerzo y buscamos intensamente las cosas materiales que el Señor ya nos ha prometido que nos va a proveer, el asunto es que no tenemos el temor de estar perdiendo la pasión, el amor el fuego y la dedicación que debemos poner en buscar a Dios.

La Biblia dice en Hebreos 12:1-2: "Por tanto, nosotros también, teniendo en derredor nuestro tan grande nube de testigos, despojémonos de todo peso y del pecado que nos asedia, y corramos con paciencia la carrera que tenemos por delante, puestos los ojos en Jesús, el autor y consumador de la fe, el cual por el gozo puesto delante de el sufrió la cruz, menospreciando el oprobio, y se sentó a la diestra del trono de Dios."

Estoy preocupado que el tiempo está corriendo y que estamos obteniendo peso innecesario, lo cual nos hace la carrera cristiana mas pesada de lo que en realidad es. No estoy hablando de las pruebas y las situaciones que tenemos que enfrentar como cristianos. Estoy hablando de que el mundo nos está envolviendo en muchas actividades, trabajo y distracciones que nos hace a nosotros olvidar y debilitar en nuestro tiempo de oración, meditación, el ir a la iglesia en testificar a otros y muchas otras prácticas cristianas.

Buscar el rostro del Señor no es una opción, u otro evento más en la vida. Buscar el rostro de Dios es la actividad más importante, la experiencia más necesaria en la vida y la práctica que nos puede transformar en lo que el Señor ha planeado que nosotros seamos. Busquemos el rostro del Señor con tal pasión, que las actividades, ocupaciones y distracciones de la vida no nos puedan vencer.

El Ministerio Hispano en Marcha

1. La próxima Escuela de Ministerio será en Junio 8 y 9. Los temas que estudiaremos son: Mayordomía financiera, la iglesia y los impuestos e información acerca de Migración. Esta escuela de Ministerio es para todos los pastores y los líderes de las iglesias locales.
2. El campamento Juvenil Hispano será el 29 y 30 de Julio y el 1 de agosto. Pastores y líderes hagan todo lo posible por enviar a sus jóvenes para ser parte de este gran evento que los bendecirá en gran manera.
3. Próxima clase de INE será el 27 y 28 de Julio. Estamos pidiendo a todos los participantes que se registren temprano, ya que los espacios se están llenando muy rápido. Llame a la oficina para reservar su espacio para la clase.

God Wants to Construct Our "Being" Before Our "Doing"

Matthew 6:33 says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

The most important area of our lives is to pay attention to God, to what He's doing, what is His will, and what He wants for us and from us. Christians need not be conforming with some spiritual exercises, like coming to church, reading a little bit of the Bible, and doing some prayer; the Christian life must be lived intensely, with passion, loving God, seeking God's will for us, and looking to show His love and power to the people near to us.

We need to be really hungry for God; that's the only way to put Him first and the only way that, no matter what we are facing or going through, He will become the most important, greatest, and most necessary thing for each moment that we live.

We have to be concerned about *being* more than *doing*. The Lord is more concerned about the *being* in our lives than the *doing*. Several days ago, I heard the word *workaholic*, referring to the people's activities, their personal schedules, and their busy times today. Many people are building themselves based on material things rather than spiritual values and God's great principles.

Matthew 6:31-34 says, "Therefore do not worry, saying, what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we wear? For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Notice what the Bible says to us. We can learn many things from this passage, but the emphasis on this portion of Scripture is this: "We need and have to make eternal things, not temporal things, the priorities in our lives." When the Bible says "seek first," it shows us one truth: Human beings are seekers. That's not the problem; we are not lacking the skills to seek. The problem is *what* we are seeking in this life.

The word *seek* means to attempt to find, to go in search of, look for, to try to discover, to ask for, and to try to acquire or gain. God's Kingdom is paramount; seek it first. We have to seek something, and that is the Kingdom of God. That should come first in our lives.

When the Bible says "and all these things shall be added to you," talking about food, drink, and clothing, Jesus is not presenting those things as an offer to seek God just so we will receive material things; we have to seek God because He commands it, because we need Him, and because He is God. Everybody here knows that temporal things do not make a good foundation for life, but character does. We need to be worried about getting character, allowing the Lord to mold us and form us, according with His will and into His image. But how are we going to have His image if we are not doing what is necessary to seek Him?

If we put so much diligence into working to make money that we need and use to buy things to live, or to gain position in life to ensure the future – although in many cases we are not just working to live, but to have many things we really don't need – why we are not putting the same diligence, and even more, into seeking the Lord and getting good character from Him? It is because God's Kingdom is not a priority in our lives. We fear that we will not survive; that makes us put our efforts into seeking intensely the things that the Lord will provide, but we do not fear that we are losing passion, love, fire, and dedication to seek God!

The Bible says in Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

I am concerned that as time is passing, we are adding unnecessary weight that is making us run the Christian race in a harder way. I am not talking about trials and situations that we have to face as Christians. I am talking about the world involving us in so many activities, so much work, and so many distractions that all those things are making us forget the times of prayer, Bible reading, meditation, going to church, witnessing to others, serving God by ministry to others, and many other practices that, many times, we are putting behind other activities.

God is first; His kingdom is first; let's let the Holy Spirit fill us with the present and produce a hunger within us that makes us seek God with all our strength and all our hearts. Seeking the Lord's face is not an option or just another event in life. Seeking God's face is the most important activity and experience in life, the one that can transform us into what the Lord has planned for us to be. Passion can be gained or can be lost. Let's gain passion for God; don't be discouraged because of things around us. God in our lives is the maximum experience that any of us can have.

Hispanic Ministry Moving On

1. Hispanic School of Ministry will be on June 8 and 9. The subjects we will be studying are Stewardship, Church and Taxes, and Immigration information. This school of ministry is for all pastors and church leaders.
2. Hispanic Youth Camp will be on June 29, 30, and August 1. Pastors and leaders, we encourage you to send all your youth to take part in this great event that will bless greatly everyone who attends.
3. The next INE training will be on July 27-28. We are asking everybody to register early because spaces are filling so quickly. Please call the office to reserve your space for the class.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

David and Mary Ida Butts
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Retired Ministers' Retreat One of the Best Yet!

It was, without question, one of the best!

Our Presiding Bishop, Rev. James D. Leggett, was at his best as he shared with our ministers and their spouses and friends the eternal Word of God. Mrs. Faye Leggett spoke at the Tuesday morning devotional and stirred our hearts. Rev. and Mrs. Roland Harrell blessed us with their music, as usual. Special musical guests like the Ezzell Singers and the Culbreth Memorial Choir all blended beautifully to create a wonderful spirit of worship. It was good!

The program called for four of our ministers to "tell their story." These two hours were very well enjoyed as Reverends Raymond Potter, Susan Parker, Edna Parker, and Mrs. Jeannie Peyton shared with us some of the struggles as well as the victories in their lives. Each one of them gave great praise and glory to their wonderful Lord.

The retreat is perhaps the most enjoyable activity of the year for our retired ministers. Our attendance was the best ever, right on through to the last service on Wednesday at noon. The food was good, the fellowship was excellent, and we managed to consume approximately 310 cones of ice cream, a favorite of everyone. However, no one seemed to mind the extra calories!

Beyond all the fun, fellowship, and food was the good presence of God. *"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

Where Are They Now...?

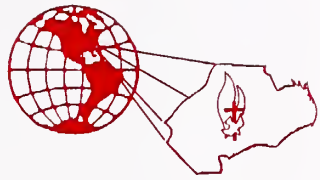
Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris

Mrs. Daisy Morris' life is so unusual that it would take a full page – and more – just to give a small glimpse of her story.

She was born in "hard times," and for many years "times were hard in her life" – so hard, in fact, that had it not been for the goodness of God, the name Daisy Grace Jones would have been just another name on the state of Georgia's welfare roll. Hers is the story of one who has experienced the amazing grace of a gracious God, and she will be remembered as one of the great women of the IPHC. She was born in Georgia in 1920, the oldest of eight children. When she was only 13 years old, her mother deserted the family. She remembers seeing her mother walk down the long path leading away from their home while she stood crying and begging her to please come back, but her mother kept walking. Being the oldest child, she was forced to care for her seven siblings. Her only help came from the Newnan PH Church, which befriended the family. In this church she learned about God and the deeper experiences of grace. When she was 15, God opened up a way for her to attend Holmes Bible College, where she studied for five years. Her first summer away from Holmes was spent in Falcon. She stayed in the home of the Henry Goff family. She and Ada Lee Goff (Thurman) formed an evangelistic team, and she preached her first sermon in the Goff tent. In the fall of that year, she enrolled at Emmanuel College. When Bishop King licensed her to preach in the Georgia Conference, he singled her out and said, *"God has His hand on this little girl, and we are going to pray that God will not let anything hinder her work for Him."* Her first pastorate was at the Goldmine Church just outside Franklin Springs, Georgia. In 1944 she was called by the Wilmington PHC to serve as Christian Education director, one of the first churches to promote this type of ministry. Soon after coming to Wilmington, she joined the North Carolina Conference (1945) and was elected conference youth director. In this position she introduced and promoted such programs as VBS, Bible Sword Drill (which was the forerunner of Bible Quiz with local, district, and conference playoffs), and Youth Camps. In 1950 she married Rev. W. Eddie Morris, superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. In time she became the mother of four children, but worked closely with her husband and even pastored churches when vacancies occurred. When Rev. Morris served as superintendent of Falcon Children's Home, she was at his side in promoting every cause for the good of troubled children. She served the home as program director and secretary/treasurer for 12 years until their retirement in 1977.

Daisy Morris is truly a "Dorcas" and deserves much honor. She has served the Lord with her whole heart and now awaits her homegoing. She is 87 years old, confined to her home and bed, and incapable of recognizing those who come by to visit. Two of her daughters, Susan and Sylvia, are her main caretakers. They are at her side 24/7 to make sure their mother's every need is met so far as possible. Her other two children, Ronnie and Sandra, live some distance away but are in constant contact with their mother. She is owed a great debt of gratitude, but only God can give her a proper reward.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Whitley Church—"Taking the Next Step Toward World Evangelism in 2007"

Born in the hearts of Roland and Royann Converse, the Whitley Church Missions Conference was begun in 2005 in an effort to bring missions to the forefront at Whitley PH Church in Princeton. The missions conference has served as an invaluable tool in doing just that; making our congregation more missions minded. Realizing that missions is the heartbeat of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Whitley Church Missions Board takes seriously its divine purpose and call to equip our missionaries with the tools and finances necessary to be successful at fulfilling the Great Commission.

On Friday, February 16, 2007, the missions conference began with a prayer walk. The leadership and congregation were encouraged to join the missions board for an evening of prayer. This prayer time not only included a time of prayer for our home and foreign missionaries, but also served as a time of quiet reflection as we were challenged to examine our current level of commitment to, as well as the Father's heart for, missions.

The following Friday, February 23, 2007, we held our annual leadership banquet. The missions board and leadership were challenged to join together in a day of prayer and fasting for missions. Friday evening the fast was broken as the pastors, missions board, and church leadership joined together for an evening of fellowship. After a wonderful meal, we were blessed by Rev. Rose Boyd and Rev. Betty Rogers, who each shared with us the wonderful things that the Lord is doing in and through their missions work. Rev. Danny Nelson addressed the leadership by once again encouraging and challenging them to take an active role in supporting missions. After being challenged by Pastor Ferrell Hardison, the Whitley Church leadership made their 2007 pledges towards missions.

On Saturday morning, February 24, 2007, we joined together once again with the members of the Whitley congregation and our missionaries for a time of prayer and sharing. After enjoying a light lunch, we were given the awesome privilege of praying for the individual needs of our missionaries. Betty Rogers and Rose Boyd once again shared their hearts for missions with the Whitley family.

On Sunday morning, February 25, 2007, we joined together for an awesome worship celebration with missions as our focus. From video clips, special music and dance, we celebrated both home and foreign missions. Both Betty Rogers and Rev. Linwood Berry blessed us with their sermons and challenged us to take the next step towards our missions giving. At the end of our worship celebration, the congregation brought forward their 2007 missions pledges.

The missions conference has served as an invaluable tool in bringing missions to the forefront at Whitley Church. We have seen our missions giving double since 2005. We would highly recommend that any church desiring to move forward in missions consider implementing an annual missions conference. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know!

In His Service,
Steve and Lesli Roberson
Local Missions Director
Whitley PH Church

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And don't forget.....the GLOBAL OUTREACH CELEBRATION is **Sunday, August 12th, 5:00pm** in the new Campmeeting Auditorium. WE WILL SEE ***YOU*** THERE!!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Do They Know Who They Are?

by Greg Dixon, Conference Youth Pastor, CEM Board Member, Youth Pastor of Stedman Pentecostal Holiness Church

You are ugly. You are fat. You are stupid. You are worthless. You will never amount to anything. You were a mistake. No one loves you.

Every single day, teenagers face a multitude of lies from the enemy. These lies come in many different forms and from a variety of sources. Sometimes they hear them from their families; other times they hear it at school, and many times they hear it from the media. However, one of the strongest sources from whom they may hear these lies is themselves. If they hear enough lies, then somewhere along the line, teenagers begin to believe them. They find their identity in who the world tells them they should be instead of listening to God, who has created them. They have extremely low self-esteem. Ask any teenager, and the majority of them will tell you that they don't like themselves.

How do we know this to be true? According to www.battlecry.com/pages/casualties.php, as many as 40 percent of kids have experimented with self-injury. Self-injury means that they have hurt themselves on purpose. According to FamilyFirstAid Help for Troubled Teens, suicide is the third leading cause of death among teenagers. Over 1,500 teens kill themselves each year. This doesn't happen because they are confident, happy, and joy-filled. This happens because they are hurting; they are in pain.

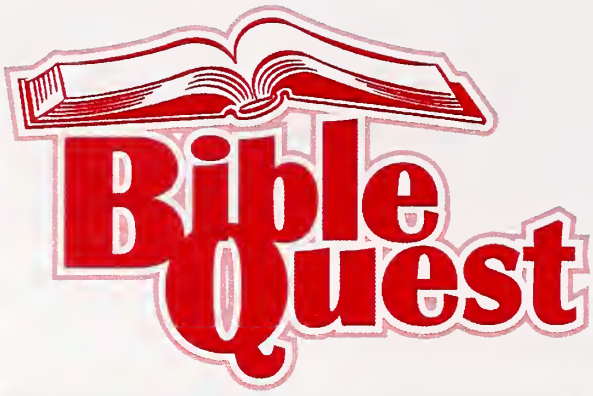
The question remains: what are we, as the church, doing about it? The world has intensified its efforts to convince teenagers to believe if they don't fit into its idea of the "perfect image," then there is something wrong with them. Have we intensified our efforts to make sure teenagers find out who they are in Christ? Are we looking beyond what we see on the outside and seeing the purpose and potential each student has? Can we look past the worst of the worst?

Our nation is still grieving over the massacre that recently took place on the Virginia Tech campus. As we look at this incident and are reminded of the other terrible school shootings, is it possible that the shooters all have a common trait? I am convinced that they all had an insecurity issue. They had learned to believe the lies that the enemy had placed in their minds; then they made the horrible decision to act on those lies. The responsibility for these horrific acts still lies with those who committed the crimes, but I can't help but wonder how many lies they believed about themselves to make them think this was the only way out. Did anyone ever tell them that *when you want to run away and hide from everything in life, God is the only one to whom you can run who can protect you?* (Deut. 33:27) I wonder if anyone ever spoke to them the words of David and said: *His unfailing love will comfort you* (Ps 119:76).

In Matthew 19:13-15, the little children were brought to Jesus so He might lay His hands on them. The disciples rebuked those who brought the children. Jesus responded by saying, *Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.* The disciples probably didn't want the children near because they felt children should be seen and not heard. Children were low in status, and the disciples didn't want Jesus wasting His time with unimportant matters. I wonder if that is what we have done. Have we bypassed the need for our young people to draw near to Jesus in order that we may pay attention to "more important" matters? Have we missed out on the opportunities to show them the love of Christ because we were focused on "more important" details? Do they not know who they are in Christ because we have failed to let them know who Christ is?

Recently in our youth ministry, we had a weekend of intense discipleship training. It lasted all day Saturday and Sunday. In one of the sessions, we talked about finding our identity in Christ and no longer listening to the lies the enemy has to offer. We had the students stand up one by one and quote a verse of Scripture that spoke to them about the way God sees us. They shouted these verses out. There was breakthrough because, for the first time, they believed that *they were created in His image* (Gen 1:27); *I am one of His children* (1 John 3:1); *I am His choice possession* (James 1:18); *I can do all things through Christ* (Phil. 4:13); *I am full of wisdom* (1 Cor. 1:30); and *I am fearfully and wonderfully made* (Ps. 139:14).

It's time to intensify our efforts. May we, as a church, reach out to this generation before they are lost forever. May we take the ones whom others have thrown out and bring them to the One *whose love for us is endless and whose mercies are new every day* (Lam. 3:22-23).



2007 Junior Team Winner, Benson PHC!
Good job, Benson Juniors!

2007 Teen Team Winner, Benson PHC!
Good job, Benson Teens!

2007 Primary participants! Winner, Ethan Oliver of Saint Matthew PHC, is on the far right. Congratulations, Ethan!

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Let's Celebrate Freedom!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Inspirational Conference

May 19, 2007

Thank You

Thank you so much. I thank the members and churches of the North Carolina Conference. The conference board expresses thanks. The 97th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Conference was an exceptional day. There was a powerful move and anointing of the Lord.

Our Presiding Bishop, James D. Leggett, did a masterful job in preaching, teaching, and leading the conference. His presentation on Radical Generosity spoke right to the heart of where we are in the conference. Our people are sharing themselves and their provisions in reaching out to others. The word rightly spoken gave confirmation and further direction. Thank you, Bishop.

One of the highlights of the day was honoring our Presiding Bishop. In 1956 he received his mission worker's license. In 1957 he joined the North Carolina Conference. We celebrated Brother Leggett's being a member of the North Carolina Conference for 50 years. During that time he pastored for 24 years, was superintendent for 3 years, served as Evangelism USA Director for 8 years (during which the U.S.A.'s General Church planted for the first time 100 churches in one year) and has served as the General Superintendent since 1997.

The North Carolina Conference loves and appreciates James and Faye Leggett. During the appreciation march, ministers and churches brought forward cards of appreciation. In addition, nearly $12,000 was given as a love offering. Praise the Lord! In fact, cards and offerings are still coming in. Our people know how to show love!

Brother and Sister Leggett have expressed their deep appreciation to everyone. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading each card. These expressions of love and the recalling of past blessings will warm their hearts for years.

At the conference, 21 individuals received license. These are a special group. Members of the examining committee remarked just how greatly anointed this group seemed to be. Pray for these as they begin their conference ministry. Who knows what great work they will do one day? The Lord does!

Awarding of Newly Licensed Credentials

Elizabeth A. Autry
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Barry L. Blanton
Shawn B. Carrow
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Marlen Hernandez
Ashley W. Jones
Jimmy Lassiter
R. Leslie McMillan, III
Coleen T. Norris
W. Dexter Norris
Sue C. Thigpen

Minister of Music

R. Leslie McMillan, III

Church Education

Vanessa W. Polk

Seven were ordained. These were as follows:

Ordination

Reverend Enrry M. Cantarero
Reverend Carlos Nunezv
Reverend Hector V. Cordero
Reverend Karon B. Satterfield
Reverend James R. Gray, III
Reverend Benjamin D. Walker, IV
Reverend Eduardo Gonzalez

Bishop and Mrs. Leggett

The Swan Quarter Church, Pastor Mike Wheeler, was recognized as the Conference Church of the Year. They scored the highest number of points on the annual evaluation form – church attendance, church membership growth, Sunday school attendance, conference support in attendance and finances, missions support, Church Education Ministries support, etc. We congratulate Pastor Wheeler and praise the Lord for His blessings at Swan Quarter.

Reverend Gary Strickland, conference secretary and treasurer, led the conference in appreciating seven of our ministers who retired with the conference. These have not ended their ministry but have only gained the status of retired minister. They have been and are some of God's choicest servants.

Reverend S. Lamarr Jackson
Reverend Paul C. Jackson
Reverend Mary Belle Johnson
Reverend David H. Jones, Sr.
Reverend Edith H. Page
Reverend Samuel L. Weaver, Sr.
Reverend Wayne E. White

Reverend Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent, prepared the report and Reverend Oris Hubbard, board member, read the Memoirs Report. These were mentioned:

Reverend Wiley D. Vick
Reverend Mrs. Katherine Parson
Mrs. Louine Lee
Mrs. Cora Hudnell

These are not lost to us. We know where they are. May their memories continue to motivate and challenge each of us.

This 97th Conference was just a *great day!* As the LORD tarries, may He give us many more such days. This year we celebrated the greatest year ever in 2006, but time is not over, we must continue on. Continue on we will, and with His help, we will do so in victory.

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In the 2006 North Carolina Conference Minutes the financial statistics for Living Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church were left out. Please note the information below.

Church	Living Faith
Tithes & Offerings	$220,851.85
Building Fund	$8,448.12
Other Receipts	$63,489.45
Balance at Beginning	$18,964.79
Total Receipts	$292,789.42
Ending Balance	$34,313.07

Tabernacle PH Church News

The Tabernacle PH Church located in Goldsboro, Wayne County, North Carolina, recently sponsored the Tabernacle Youth Group in the Wayne County 4H Livestock Show and Auction. The goats were donated by Pastor Sutton, and the children worked with the goats for approximately four months. The children were educated in caring for a livestock animal, including feeding and medicating the animal. The children learned the different parts of a goat, while also patiently working with the animal to refine showmanship skills. The Wayne County 4H Livestock Show and Auction was held on April 11 and 12, 2007. The children participated in grooming and putting the "finishing touches" on the animals prior to the show. The animals and participants are judged for showmanship according to age groups. Once the showmanship part of the competition is done, the goats are shown again for meat production according to the weight of the goat. The children then have to run the goats in the arena one last time to auction the animals off. The children keep the proceeds from their animals, but have to part with the animals at the end of the auction. Not only does this program support family-oriented activity, but it also teaches a child responsibility, accountability, and honesty. The 4H Livestock Show was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to next year's show.

***Back** (l-r): Pastor Bill Sutton, Johnathan Sutton, Wanita Harrell, Phil Sutton*
***Front** (l-2): William Justice, Lindsey Justice, Courtney Grace, Olivia Pierce, Logan Grace, Abigail Pierce*

Sanford First Celebrates 107th Sunday School Anniversary

Sunday, May 20, 2007, was a very special day at Sanford First. For quite some time, the Sunday school staff had been working and planning for this day, and it paid off well. The sun was shining and the birds were singing as God's people gathered together to join in praise to Him.

Shortly after 10:00 a.m., Pastor Greg Long introduced the Jay Stone Singers. If you've heard these singers, you know their Spirit-anointed singing lifted our hearts to worship. We were so blessed by their ministry, we didn't want them to stop.

At around 10:30, our Sunday school teachers and staff were recognized and honored for their faithfulness to God and the church. Also, former pastor Rev. Jettie Parker was recognized.

Next, WGOD announcer Teresa Dew hosted a radio program in which we relived the church's history, which began as a Sunday school in 1900 and was organized as a church very soon thereafter.

Following this, our guest singers again blessed our hearts with song.

Just before the 11 o'clock hour, the long-anticipated crowning of the Sunday School King and Queen and their court took place. A couple of weeks earlier, ballots had been handed out for voting, and the results kept secret. A hushed and expectant congregation waited. … Then came the announcement: "The king for the 107th Sunday School Anniversary is His Royal Highness, King Justin Long. And for queen … Her Royal Highness, Queen Emily Berry." First runners-up were Ethan West and Mary Elizabeth Berry; and to complete the court, Miss Whitney O'Quinn and Mr. Elijah West. Jessica Clark, who was prepared for this event, did the crowning. Of course, royal photographers were busy taking pictures.

Our much loved and appreciated pastor, Rev. Greg Long, and his beautiful wife, Donna, were called to the front and honored. The congregation was reminded, "We know they are heaven-sent … and we love them!" Jean Sessoms presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Next, former Sunday school superintendent (for 37 years) Mr. Raymond Sessoms and his lovely wife, Lillian, were honored for their years of faithfulness and presented with flowers.

We were most privileged to have as our anniversary speaker Rev. Charles Boyd, conference CEM director. Bro. Boyd, using Gideon's experience as the perfect example, challenged us to desire, discipline, and delight. The challenge to **desire** God, **discipline** ourselves to worship and service, and **delight** in what God is now doing and what He will do in the future was just what we needed to help get us motivated to move forward with God.

Pastor and Mrs. Greg Long honored. Mrs. Jean Sessoms presents flowers.

Just before dismissal, as a great finish to a blessed morning, Sheila West presented an honor and appreciation plaque to our Sunday school's oldest active member, her grandfather, 94-year-old Mr. Vernon Sessoms. Pastor Greg reminded everyone, "If you're ever tempted to roll over and stay in bed on Sunday morning, remember, if he can get up, get dressed, and come to Sunday school, so can you!"

King Justin Long and Queen Emily Berry crowned.

Following the service, dinner was served outside. A pig had been barbecued, and an abundance of delicious food awaited us, including anniversary cake and ice cream for dessert.

Tents, tables, and chairs had been set up, and colorful balloons blew in the breeze, highlighting the green of the lawn and surrounding trees. Our lovely church grounds served us well for such afternoon activities as moon-bounce and other available games for the youth.

To make this day even more special and memorable, we dedicated it to the loving memory of Mrs. Carla Jo Johnson, who went to her eternal home just a few hours before the day's celebrations began. She has been our faithful Sunday school and Women's Ministries secretary for a number of years.

Guests begin to gather for lunch.

May our heavenly Father, who has so abundantly blessed us in the past, keep His hand on us to guide and direct our future.

—Sue Parker, Sunday School Superintendent

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The Christ of the Prophets by O. Palmer Robertson. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P and R Publishing. 553 pages.

Major Christological works do not come along very often in Christian literature, and when one does, it is usually very helpful and can be referenced often in lectures, sermons, devotions, and Sunday school lessons. *The Christ of the Prophets* is no exception.

The Hebrew prophets wrote of Jesus. They recognized Him as a child, a servant, a shepherd, a priest, a judge, a prophet, the Redeemer, the Breaker, the Teacher, the Lord, and a King. Replete with Messianic prophecies, the Hebrew prophets give us much of what we know of the Messiah, Israel, redemption, and the role of the nations in the future. Jeremiah, Micah, Amos, Isaiah, Ezekiel, and other prophecies help the Bible student grasp some sense of the wholeness of God's plan. Walking along the Emmaus Road, the glorified Christ acknowledged the important Christological role of the prophets in the greatest sermon ever preached in the history of mankind. The message must have been really something to hear as the Lord Jesus presented Himself as the consummation of prophetism and the consummative Prophet.

Utilizing a wide range of sources, including leading biblical critics such as Brevard Childs, Von Rad, and Walter Brueggemann, Robertson addresses the importance of the new covenant, a new Zion, a new temple, a new messiah, and a new relation to the nations of the world. He wrote, "Whether as foreteller or forth-teller, the prophet communicated revelation from God." Thus, the content of prophetic scripture comes from God Himself. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, not that He breathed into the words of men and those words became the Word of God, but rather, He breathed out the Word.

The author does a good job addressing the issue of true and false prophets. God commissions and equips true prophets while false prophets find no connection with the one true God. According to Robertson, two primary motives compel false prophets to speak: (1) personal gain and (2) acceptance by men. Robertson wrote, "At great cost to the people of God, the false prophet concerns himself only with his own personal advancement." The false prophet lives a lie and tells lies. He seeks to strengthen the hands of the wicked. The false prophet claims God speaks through him when, in fact, God has not spoken at all. The true prophet, possessing power beyond him as the moral might of God undergirds him, tells God's truth. The true prophet preaches and prophesies under divine unction, often speaking things that the people do not want to hear. The difference, of course, is between looking out for one's own good and working out of "unselfish concern for the good of the people."

This publication can be read and studied for much spiritual profit, but the student must be careful to exercise discernment, as the many Wellhausen, Duhm, and Gunkel references prove to be quite disturbing. Far too often, "scientific study" of the Scriptures leads to gross skepticism. Why anyone would want to give Wellhausen the time of day is beyond the reviewer's understanding! Moses wrote the first five books of the Old Testament known as the Pentateuch. To date Deuteronomy during or after the ministries of the eighth-century prophets is ludicrous and baseless. Moses was long dead when Isaiah, one of the most prolific proclaimers of the Messiah among the Old Testament prophets, was alive. Deuteronomy could not have possibly been written during the days of Isaiah. If unknowable editors were the ultimate producers of the prophetic books, why didn't the Lord name the books after the "unknowables"? Surely He would have known them. Give me Micah and Amos and Jonah and leave the unknowables to ghostly stories of fiction.

Just as some fish have more bones than others, be sure to have lots of "cornbread" on hand as you read this book. Exposure to someone diseased and highly contagious may be harmful to one's health. Exposure to liberal teachings and viewpoints can be harmful to one's spiritual health. Let the reader beware. Proceed with caution, and keep a sharp eye!

Preaching the Cross by Mark Dever, J. Ligon Duncan, III, R. Albert Mohler, Jr., C. J. Mahaney. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 176 pages.

"A forgiving God" is not as easy to understand as one might think, particularly in light of the exceeding sinfulness of man and the infinite holiness of God. John Piper stated, "The death of the Son of God and the damnation of the unrepentant human beings are the loudest shouts under heaven that God is infinitely holy, and sin is infinitely offensive." In light of the gravity of sin alone, forgiveness is a most profound concept. At the cross, God displayed His holy love for all of sinful humanity through Jesus Christ, who paid the full penalty of our disobedience and rebellion Himself. That is an awesome notion to consider: that sending His own Son to the cross would solve God's problem of forgiving sinners deserving of hell and the second death. Although we merited divine judgment, God judged His Son. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Preaching the cross may seem to be an easy task for the preacher because the cross as a subject is so simple an act of sacrifice. Yet from the theological spectrum of God's love and His wrath, the cross is such a pivotal doctrine for all believers. Preaching the cross needs to be encouraged these days as culture continues to influence and have its way very powerfully. Some Christians question whether preaching about blood, dying, and death is appealing to people anymore.

Preaching the cross is never outdated. No matter how technologically advanced we become in the 21st century, people need forgiveness. Preaching the cross offers forgiveness from the Lord. People need the Lord! Preaching the cross is definitely culturally appropriate.

To be honest, the reason I purchased this book was Mohler, and the contributions from John MacArthur, John Piper, and R. C. Sproul. Dever, Duncan, and Mahaney do make a significant contribution to the worthy content of the publication. All the contributors seek to encourage ministers, as stewards of the Word, to preach the cross. If a preacher is ashamed of the cross, then he must be ashamed of the Gospel, and if he is ashamed of the Gospel, he has no right to call himself a minister. Preaching the Word in season and out of season includes preaching messages on the cross of Jesus Christ.

The incredible thought of having to stand before Christ and give account of the preaching of the cross boggles the mind. Preachers will be judged on whether they were faithful to the Master. If the cross is central to the ministry of true preaching, then have we (have I) faithfully preached the cross?

The authors agree that preaching the cross is not about cultural transformation or recovery. It is about preaching the gospel to sinners. Preachers have not been called to convert the world and clean up the world in order to present it triumphantly to Jesus. They have been called to preach the gospel to every creature. We cannot save the world, but sinners in this world can be saved.

Some of the more outstanding statements made in the book include these: (1) Preaching the cross without exulting in the cross is to deny the cross; (2) The gospel is not about how we can become more self-sufficient; (3) God planned for His Son to be crucified and for hell to be terrible so that we would have the clearest witnesses possible to what is at stake when we preach; (4) In all our preaching, we must never lose sight of the hill called Calvary, where the Son of Man was killed in our place; (5) "I received some years ago orders from my Master to stand at the foot of the cross until He comes. He has not come yet, but I mean to stand there until He does" (Charles Spurgeon). Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine."
(1 Samuel 17:39-40)

Victory is always fun. No one likes to lose. In this familiar story of David and Goliath, David knew that God would deliver him. He chose to use the weapons he had tested and tried rather than the armor of King Saul. Saul was a very experienced soldier, but he cowered in fear with his men. David, on the other hand, sized up the situation, determined his weapon (a sling and five smooth stones) and ran toward Goliath.

On the conference level, it is our desire to help you in your local Women's Ministries group to use the gifts and talents God has given you to meet the needs of those around you. In May we had our Director's Council meeting in Falcon. This annual meeting is designed for the local WM directors to come together to share ideas and to learn from each other.

Westa Barefoot did an outstanding devotion on "Little Is Much When God Is in It." WM Board member Darnell Nelms gave us new insights as to what is expected and how to use the WM manual as a helpful tool. WM Director Pat Ellenburg and Joyce Morris from the Capital Church in Garner shared great ideas on how to demonstrate great hospitality. NCWM Secretary-Treasurer Marjorie Teachey helped us understand why we give. Our goal was to help our directors see that God is blessing and will bless Women's Ministries across the conference, regardless of size. Things change when we're doing it for Him.

I would like to leave you with the words to one verse of the song, "Little Is Much When God Is in It." It says, "Does the place you're called to labor seem so small and little known? It is great if God is in it, and He'll not forget His own."

As we continue this journey to reach the lost for Christ, please remember why we do what we do, and you are not alone. We are here to help you. We want to help you. *Together we can make a difference!*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy" & The NCWM Board

Sneads Ferry Women's Ministries Celebrating Founder's Day

Leona, Kelsey, Krista, Kaitlyn, Haley, Barbara, Dorothea, Jackie, Devonda, Melissa, Karen, Samantha, Angie, Frances and Hannah

Calling All Missionettes … Mark These Dates:

POWER CHICKS '07 is scheduled for July 27-30, 2007. Registration is $100 after June 1, and will be accepted as long as rooms are available. Contact Lydia Mills at 919-936-2224 if you are interested in attending.

- Girls' Ministries Convention – Saturday, September 15, 2007, Goldsboro First.

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- **Keeps flies off cows**
- **Keeps pigeons off the balcony**
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- **Removes road tar & grime from cars**

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The Move of Prayer

As believers in Christ, followers of God, and Spirit-led believers, we should be *on the move for God. What move?* you may ask. The move of God's agenda, His Kingdom purposes, His mentality and mind-set, His character, and His attitude. You may ask yourself, *How do I obtain this God move and lifestyle?* I believe we obtain it by a lifestyle of prayer. A life of talking to God every day, listening to His instructions, wisdom, and counsel.

God is a parent to us, and we are His children. He loves us because we are His creation. And He accompanies us because we are His friends.

Prayer is not a duty but a privilege, but many today feel it not necessary to pray.

You see, prayer not only changes you; it changes a life situation or circumstance, cities, countries, nations, and churches; and it transforms the impossible to possible. Prayer works!

We must activate this great privilege today and ***move into the agenda of God*** through a lifestyle of prayer. This lifestyle of prayer is not a one-time-a-week prayer meeting or a once-a-month time of fasting and prayer. Note: these things are good, but a continual and conscious effort of praying every day and everywhere is a better way. The word of God speaks to us about this when it says, ***"Rejoice ever more. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thes 5:16, 17).***

Our meditating in prayer can be done anytime, anywhere. It is our secret weapon against the purposes and plans of the enemy. A lifestyle of prayer is also obedience to God and His Word.

- Pray with expectation and hope.
- See God's promises fulfilled by praying the Scriptures.
- Pray for Godly visitations.
- Focus on worship, festive praise, and His presence.
- Pray that many will be drawn unto Him.
- Believe in the power of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, and the blood of Jesus Christ.
- Prepare His way and your day by praying.
- Expect transformation to take place in your life, family, others, your city, state, and church.
- Pray with persistence.
- Take courage; "stand still and see God's glory" sustains life-giving prayers for others.
- Pray in unity. God loves unity, and together we can make a symphony of prayer before His throne. Believers who pray together can reach an entire community for Christ.

Salvations, church growth, church plants, unity with other believers, financial miracles, and the ***move of God*** do not occur unless prayer is active in the life of God's people.

God is already on the move, and we must catch up by praying, serving, and taking dominion of His kingdom here on this earth.

God has already started. He's doing good things, and He wants to do even greater things if we will only pray and act on what He is telling us to do.

GOD IS CALLING US TO MOVE IN PRAYER!

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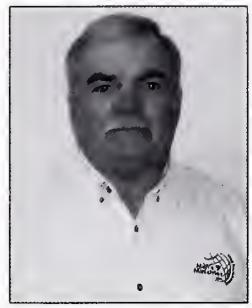

Heaven or Hell?

Heaven or Hell: which will it be? It would be great if everybody went to heaven. That is certainly God's desire. That's why He sent Jesus to be our Savior. But, unfortunately, we know not everyone is going to go to heaven.

Here on earth, we have believers and unbelievers. Some people believe in a "Divine Power." Some people believe man is inherently good and is the center of the universe. Some people believe you live and you die, and that is the end of that. Some people claim not to believe in anything.

But one day, everyone is going to be a believer in the Lord God Jehovah and His Son, Jesus Christ. You see, there are no unbelievers in hell. People who have died without Jesus in their heart now know the truth. Now they believe, but it is too late for them.

There is only one way to heaven, but many ways to get to hell. People from all cultures, from all walks of life, and of many ages will be in hell. People who were rich and people who were poor will be in hell. Satan does not discriminate. He wants every person in hell with him because he hates people. He hates us all because people are created in the image of God, and Satan hates God.

Satan tries thousands of ways to get people to reject Jesus and chose eternal life in hell. In Luke 16:22-24 the Bible gives us a glimpse into the hell to which Satan is luring unbelievers:

> *It came to pass, that the beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.*

Verse 22 contains exciting news for Christians! Angels are waiting to escort believers into the presence of God when they die. But there were no angels for the rich man, for he died an unbeliever, having rejected God, and sentencing himself to be eternally lost.

Verse 23 reveals the startling reality that the soul and the spirit of man remain totally conscious in eternity. While this is great news for those enjoying the joys of heaven, it is a soul-wrenching curse for the unbeliever. The rich man's plea to Abraham describes the horrific torment he is experiencing and the magnitude of the suffering his poor choices have inflicted on him.

Verse 24 tells us that those who go to hell become believers immediately, but there is no longer an opportunity for salvation. The rich man pleads for mercy, but it is too late. The choices he made during his life on earth led him to hell. The fire is real, hot, and burning. There are no wells of water to soothe the scorching tongue. No fireman to douse the flames will ever come; no paramedic will ever soothe the skin with healing ointment. And worse of all, there is no longer any hope of escape.

If the rich man in hell could, he would come and warn others to avoid hell at all cost. He desperately wanted someone to warn his family. But that is our job. Christians know what the Bible says. We know hell is real. It is our responsibility to warn others.

Most people know how it feels when you stay out in the sun too long and get sunburned. Others know what it is like to touch a hot stove and get blisters. Well, hell is an ongoing, extreme, terrifying, and unending version of these minor earthly experiences.

There are people who have already passed away who I am afraid have probably gone to hell. I can't do anything about that now. But I can do all within my power to tell those who are still living about the dire eternal consequences of rejecting Jesus as your Savior.

One day we will all stand before God and give an account of what we did on earth. What will we say? Did we do all we could?

You see, hell is where people who refused to accept Christ will be in torment day and night, forever and ever. They will be in the place created for Satan and the demons, with Satan and the demons. And it will be eternal. How many people will go to hell because we failed to warn them about what it is really like? What is holding us back?

Now is our chance to warn those we love. We must learn from the plight of the rich man in hell and do all in our power to tell others of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Only the shed blood of Jesus can rescue sinners from Satan's clutches and the fiery furnace of an eternal hell. Not only does Jesus offer escape from hell; He offers eternal joy in heaven! What a bargain!

God cares so much for us, He gave His only Son to save mankind from the consequences of sin. Jesus loves us so much, He was willing to leave heaven so He could pay the price for our sins. He wants us to be in heaven with Him, and He offers pardon freely.

Is it too much for Him to expect us just to get the word out? Who will be calling your name from hell screaming, "Why didn't you tell me? Why did you let me come here?!" Who will meet you in heaven saying, "Thank you for introducing me to the Lord?"

Now is the time to make a difference before it is too late!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

From One Generation to Another

I don't know how many of you have ever read the scripture at the top of this page, which says: "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works" (Psalm 145:4). This scripture means a lot to me as Archives director because this is the whole purpose of the Archives in protecting and preserving our heritage. We are here to show God's love and provision for His people as they have sacrificed and stepped out in faith to show His glory in their lives and the lives of those who came before them.

We are not here to glorify men and women for what they have done for the Lord, but instead to show how God has miraculously protected and supplied their needs as they endured hardships and rejection as Jesus had in His day.

Sometimes it seems that each generation tends not to appreciate those who have come before them because they have no idea of what their forefathers went through. I have heard people even laugh at some of the pioneers because of their not wearing ties or because they did not shave on a Sunday, or because the women would cook their food on Saturday for Sunday dinner. There is so much they do not understand because they just don't know the reasons for these things.

The late 1800s were a time when people started accumulating more things and thus started dressing with ruffles, feathers, top hats and canes; and women wore all kinds of bustles and fancy hats and jewelry to match. The houses were showplaces with all kinds of gingerbread work, windows with stained glass, and gardens with water fountains and all kinds of flowers. During this time, the camp meetings came throughout the land, and people became hungry for the Lord and His Word. These people were reading in the Bible that any excesses in dress or their lives was something that would hinder them from being what God wanted them to be. So out of a sincere and heartfelt desire to be closer to the Lord, many people gave up many things that today we would think ridiculous. We all need to consider our hearts today and see if there is anything we should give up to be closer to the Lord.

One of the joys of this job is to interview some of our older ministers and their spouses. I am able to find out so much about these people and the ministries they have had for the Lord through the years. Time does have a way of slipping by, and we have not been able to do as many interviews as we would like. We are still working on trying to schedule some of these in the next few weeks and then during Camp Meeting, if possible.

One thing I would ask each of our ministers or spouses is that you go ahead and write down the basic information about yourself and your ministry. I will try to send out the questionnaires again soon, just in case you do not have one. In the meantime, get together some of your old pictures, sermons, or anything pertaining to your ministry, and we will try to get together and talk. Let us do all we can to share our lives with those who come behind us.

Chris and I now have our first little grandbaby, Eden Britt Thompson, and I can't wait to share my life with her! I want her to know there are times in God's work when you just cannot thank Him enough for all He does for you. Then there are those times when you feel your heart cannot take the weight of heaviness that has come your way. But God in His love and assurance will give peace that passes all understanding! Let us all strive to share our lives, not only with those family members who are close to us, but with those who are far away from God and need His presence in their lives. I have a brother who was married into the Mormon Church years ago, and I feel the Lord's urgency to reach him and his family. When I go to visit, I have felt nephews and nieces who seem to be drawn to me and to spend time with me, all because of the precious Holy Spirit's presence! Pray for me to be a witness, and pray for them that God will deal with them.

May God bless and keep you and yours,
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FREEDOM

What does it mean to be free? Are you really free? There are two ways we can look at freedom. We can look at freedom through patriotic eyes or through spiritual eyes.

Through patriotic eyes, we can see many freedoms in this country we live in that many other countries and peoples cannot enjoy. These freedoms were won by the many battles fought by our forefathers, whether on the battlefields of other lands, on our own battlefields, or even in the courthouses and in the hallways of our government. Even today as I write, battles are being fought, and soldiers are dying for the liberties they believe in. Each time a soldier is brought down or injured by an IED or bullet, our hearts flinch with pain for that family. Our job is to intercede for our soldiers and leaders, that God will protect them and give them wisdom in facing the enemy.

Many times we hear the effects of war on those involved and their families, and even the criticism of those who do not see any good results from fighting, but what kind of world will we live in if we just give up and go home and leave the battle to someone else to work out a solution?

All through history, we have fought battles for our freedom, and in the long run, it was the best way to handle the situation. God even allowed battles in the early years of our history that are recorded in the Old Testament.

We must hold our soldiers up in prayer. They could be your sons or mine; each is some mother's son and needs God's protection and guidance.

When we talk about freedom through spiritual eyes, we see freedom not necessarily as being able to do as we want, but more as having a peace that we can have liberty to worship our Lord and King freely.

When we think of freedom through spiritual eyes, we are reminded of several scriptures that speak of freedom, such as Isaiah 58:6 – "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?"

John 8:32 and 36 say, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. … If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The truth is Jesus Christ, who came to die for our sin and to set us free from sin. There is no other freedom as great as freedom from sin and condemnation.

Just as the soldiers are fighting for our freedom from tyranny and all kinds of physical encroachments upon our country and its people, Jesus is fighting for our spiritual well-being in many battlefields. We live in a world gradually going downhill because of the influences we see every day. Satan is on the rampage throughout this world. He knows that his days are numbered, and he is increasing his attack on God's people, so we must fight the battle! We must read our Bibles and pray, ever interceding for each other. We have much to be thankful for and nothing to take for granted. We are just passing through this world, and nothing matters but our relationship with God and our responsibility to bring others along with us.

As we celebrate the 4th of July and the wonderful country we live in, let us be thankful and also celebrate our wonderful Savior and all He has done for us. Thank God for the freedom we have in Him and also the privilege to live in a country such as ours!

Ministers' Wives Meeting and Luncheon

All ministers' wives, retired ministers' wives, widows of ministers, and lady ministers are invited to our annual meeting on Saturday, August 11, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Culbreth Memorial Church. Lunch will be catered, and the price of the meal is $7.50 for each person.

Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Susan Beacham, wife of Rev. Doug Beacham, executive director of World Missions of the IPHC. Susan is director of Pharmacy, Laboratory Services, Radiology, and Respiratory Therapy at Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City. Susan enjoys studying the Bible and being involved in intercessory prayer and has been greatly used by God in these areas. I know you will enjoy and receive a blessing from Susan's ministry to us.

We will be sending out a letter soon. Ladies, invite other ministers' wives to come with you, and give a ride to someone who may not otherwise get to be at the meeting.

May God bless you all,
Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Dios Desea Construir Nuestro Ser en Vez de Nuestro Hacer
Parte II

En la revista de *Evangel* del mes pasado, comencé a hablar de que Dios esta más interesado en edificar nuestro ser que en nuestro hacer. Hoy deseo continuar con este importante tema; que más que un tema, debe ser una práctica diaria de cada uno de nosotros. Debemos fijar nuestra atención en nuestro ser y lograr más en nuestro carácter que en todas las actividades que estamos realizando.

Obteniendo más en carácter

Que sucede si obtenemos más en nuestro carácter, permitiendo a Dios moldear nuestros valores y principios, formando en nosotros Su carácter? Los resultados son muchos, pero aquí solo deseo mencionar una pequeña lista de beneficios:

1. En primer lugar podremos agradar a Dios. Agradar a Dios debe ser la prioridad número uno y la actividad principal de cada uno de nosotros.
2. También vamos a poder influir en otros, dándoles a Dios y ayudando a escoger lo bueno.
3. Estaremos listos para ser usados por Dios, a fin de tocar al mundo con Su amor y poder.
4. Traeríamos cambios significativos a nuestra familia, la iglesia y aun en la ciudad donde estamos viviendo.
5. Lograremos estar en una mejor posición para confrontar a otros con sus necesidades de Dios y las necesidades que tienen acerca de cambiar sus vidas.

En la Biblia tenemos un ejemplo de una vida que daba una prioridad especial a la Palabra de Dios y también reflejaba que las demás cosas estaban en orden en su vida. Ese ejemplo es el escriba y sacerdote Esdras, miremos que dice la Biblia acerca de él:

Esdras 7:10 "Porque Esdras había preparado su corazón para inquirir la ley de Jehová y para cumplirla, y para enseñar en Israel sus estatutos y decretos." Esdras había tomado la decisión de hacer algo más que llenar su mente de conocimiento. El se había propuesto, estudiar y obedecer la Palabra de Dios. Veamos las tres cosas que el versículo menciona que hizo con la Ley de Dios.

1. **Inquirir la Ley de Jehová**. Estudiar y aprender. Esdras puso diligencia en estudiar la Palabra de Dios y esto lo llevó a descubrir la verdad. Necesitamos oír la Palabra de Dios, no con los oídos físicos, pero con la voluntad. Todo lo que el Señor nos habla, debe ser movido a la voluntad y no solo dejarlo en la mente, convirtiéndolo solo en conocimiento; la Palabra de Dios debe ser practicada.

Dios nos da conocimiento, para procesarlo a la realidad en la vida práctica, no solo información para procesarlo mentalmente, el conocimiento que Dios nos da es conocimiento para practicar y vivir.

2. **Y para cumplir la ley de Jehová**. Obedecer cada aspecto de lo que Dios le enseñaba en Su Palabra era crucial en la vida del escriba. Esdras tomó el conocimiento y lo practicó, él aplicó lo que había aprendido.

Siento a Dios decirnos: Paren de oír solamente y escuchen. Oír es la función física, pero escuchar es la función de la voluntad. Dios nos dice en Su Palabra paren de ser solamente oidores y sean hacedores (Santiago 1:19-25). Necesitamos poner a un lado todos los obstáculos y todo lo que nos impide ser hombres y mujeres en quienes la obra de Dios encuentre su lugar y se mantenga progresando.

3. **Y para enseñar**. La obra de Esdras no terminó con la práctica de la Palabra de Dios, el también pasó a otros lo que ya había abrazado, amado y vivido. Esta es la mejor manera de poder influir en otros, especialmente en aquellos que están cerca de nosotros, como nuestra familia, amigos y compañeros de trabajo. Es así como vamos a atraerlos a ellos a los caminos del Señor.

Si deseamos que otros busquen a Dios con toda su mente y corazón, ellos tienen que ver en alguien más, que lo está haciendo en la misma manera.

Creo que hoy y siempre debemos practicar lo que la Biblia dice en el Salmo 139:23,24: "Examíname, oh Dios, y conoce mi corazón; Pruébame y conoce mis pensamientos; Y ve si hay en mi camino de perversidad, Y guíame en el camino eterno."

Observe que es lo que el salmista está pidiendo a Dios: Examíname, conoce mi corazón, pruébame, conoce mis pensamientos, ve si hay en mi camino de perversidad, guíame en el camino eterno.

Es esa su oración también? Es esta nuestra preocupación? Le permitimos a Dios examinarnos y buscar en nosotros lo que necesita ser corregido o cambiado? Porque si le permitimos a El hacerlo, El nos examinará. Esa es la primera cosa que El hará, y

después de esto El sabrá y encontrará lo que se necesita hacer, y entonces El nos mostrará la condición de nuestros propios caminos y finalmente si nos hacemos enseñables y flexibles, El hará lo que necesitamos en nuestras vidas.

No olvidemos que Dios es el alfarero y nosotros el barro. El hará lo que desea. Debemos permitirle moldearnos en la forma que El lo desea.

Examíname, **conoce** y **guíame**, son las tres cosas que están en el propósito de Dios y son Su trabajo en nuestras vidas. Nuestro trabajo es dejarlo a El que nos guíe a una pasión más profunda, un amor mayor y una entrega total. Dios no nos acusa para destruirnos, pero lo hace para que seamos capaces de arrepentirnos y abramos el camino para la obra de restauración (2 Corintios 7:10). El deseo de Dios es llevarnos a una relación más profunda con El, así podemos poner más atención y dar más energía y dedicación a buscar a Dios y su reino, en vez de estar dedicados a un activismo carente de propósito. Busquemos el que el carácter de Dios se forme en nosotros.

God Wants to Construct Our "Being" Before Our "Doing"
Part II

In the last *Evangel*, I started talking about God's being more interested in building our *being* than our *doing*. Today I want to continue with this important theme, but this is more than a theme; it must be daily practice for every one of us. We must pay more attention to our being and to obtaining more character than we pay to all the activities we are doing.

Obtaining More Character

What happens if we become people of more character and allow God to mold our principles and values? Let's see the results:

1. We can please God. To please God should be the first thing in life.
2. We are going to influence others for God and for good.
3. We will be ready to be used by God to touch the world with His power and love.
4. We can bring change to the family, the church, and even the city or location where we are living.
5. We will be in a better position to confront others with their needs and help them to see that they need God and they need to change their lives.

In the Bible we find a very good example of someone whose life's priorities show us the way that we have to live and please God. That example is the scribe and priest Ezra. Look at what the Bible says (Ezra 7:10):

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel." Can we see the priorities in his life?

1. **Learn the Word of God**. Ezra put diligent study into the Word of God, and this action drove him to discover the truth. We need to hear the Word of God, not with the physical ears, but with the will.

Everything that the Lord speaks to us must be moved into the will, and not only into the mind. His words are not only to be converted into knowledge; they have to be practiced. God give us knowledge to process into practice in life, not only information to process mentally. God's knowledge is knowledge to be practiced and to be lived.

2. **Live the Word of God**. This is what I am talking about. Ezra took knowledge and practiced and applied what he had learned. That's what the Lord is calling us to do. The Lord says to us, "Stop hearing only, and *listen*. Hearing is the physical function, but listening is the function of the will.

He says to us, "Stop being hearers only, and be doers" (see James 1:19-25). We need to put aside all obstacles that hinder us from being men and women in whom the work of the Lord finds a place and is progressing into perfection.

3. **Pass On the Word of God**. Ezra passed on to others what he had already embraced. That's the best way to influence others, especially our children, friends, and others who are close to us. God is calling us to share what He has done in us, and this will be used by Him to attract them to the Lord's ways.

If we really want others to start seeking the Lord with their hearts and minds, they have to see somebody else doing it in the same way.

We have to do today and always what the Bible says in Psalm 139:23, 24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Look at what the psalmist is asking from God: *Search me*; *know my heart*; *try me*; *know my anxieties*; *see if there is any wicked way in me*; *lead me in the way everlasting*.

Is this our prayer too? Is this our concern? Do we let God **search**, **know**, and **lead** us in the right path? If we let Him do what He needs to do in our lives, He will search us. That's the first thing he will do, and after that he will know and find what needs to be done; then He will show us the condition of our own ways, and finally, if we become teachable and flexible, He will do what we need and transform us.

Do not forget that God is the Potter; we are the clay. He will do what He wishes. We must allow Him to mold us in the way He desires.

Search, **know**, and **lead**. These three things are the work of God; our work is to let Him lead us into a deeper passion, love, and surrender. Allow God to show you what is your real situation in life. He will not accuse us for destruction (2 Corinthians 7:10) but for repentance and restoration and to take us into a deeper relationship with Him, so we can pay more attention and give more energy and dedication to seeking God and His kingdom. Amen.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

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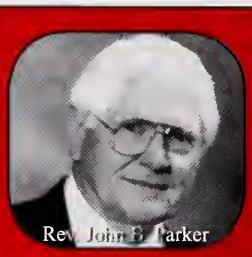

Celebrating 80 Fruitful Years!

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. W. B. Satterfield

Walter Satterfield was born twice in the state of Virginia! First was his natural birth, and second his spiritual birth in 1946. He answered the call to preach and joined the Church of God, but later transferred to the NC Conference in 1952. Over the years he has pastored nine churches. Except for a brief three years in the Western NC Conference, he has spent mosts of his entire ministry life in the NC Conference. Early on, he made a great choice in choosing Miss Alice Nichols as his life's companion, and together they have contributed much to the Kingdom of God. Almost always bivocational, Brother Satterfield worked for the federal government for 31 years, making it possible for him to pastor some of our smaller churches. After 48 years of service, he retired in 2000. He is a great outdoorsman, tends a large garden, grows lots of watermelons, fishes in the summer, sets traps for rabbits in the winter, and shares everything with his friends – especially those at his beloved First PH Church in Goldsboro. Miss Alice makes a great rabbit stew, which is one of his best meals! They enjoy their four children and grandchildren. He loves to preach the gospel and appreciates every opportunity to do so.

Rev. & Mrs. Paul Weaver

When you mention the name Weaver in the NC Conference, most of us know who you're talking about! Brother Paul comes from a large family of preachers, and each of them has contributed greatly to the Kingdom of God. Born in 1943, Paul gave his heart to God in 1960 at the Micro PH Church, where his brother, George, was conducting a revival. About four years after his conversion, he met and married Joy Crocker, and God has blessed them with two children, Paula and Wesley. Paul and Joy live in Mount Olive and attend the Jones Grove PH Church. Paul has always been bivocational, but has preached in over 50 different churches and served as pastor of the Garland and Sims churches. He is well known as a great carpet layer, having worked in this area as a second occupation for 41 years. However, Paul will tell you that his number one job has been to serve and witness to the grace of God and lead others to Christ. Now retired, he and Joy enjoy their four grandchildren. But as for Paul, he loves to get out the fishing poles occasionally and spend a few hours at the pond! Once in a while, he'll catch one!

Retired Ministers Month...
It's Catching On!

It is! It's "kinda like" a disease: **it's spreading** as more and more of our local churches are finding ways to express appreciation to our retired ministers and their spouses for the many years of service they have rendered to the Lord and our great conference!

In his excellently prepared church newsletter, Pastor Paul Brafford of the Greenville First PH Church published a picture of several retired ministers who worship at his church on a regular basis. He is pictured giving each of them a gift of money from the church. Among them is a former pastor of the Greenvillle Church and a member of the Conference Retired Ministers Department Board, **Rev. & Mrs. Frank Gentry**. Other retired ministers present and appreciated were **Rev. Harold Taunton** and **Rev. Lynn Barns**. Rev. Taunton teaches a Sunday school class and occasionally fills in for the pastor when needed. Rev. Barns served as a military chaplain for 23 years, sings in the church choir, and is presently the president of the Greenville chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

The check rendered by the church was surely appreciated, but far more was the fact that their pastor took the lead in doing something that made them know their services to the Lord had not been forgotten.

We would like to say a big thank you to **Pastor Brafford** and to **all other pastors in our conference** who took a moment to expressed appreciation to these worthy men and women who have spent their lifetimes preaching the gospel and serving the Lord.

One of these days, every minister will sit where these great men and women are now sitting. Only then will we fully realize how wonderful it is to be remembered and appreciated.

Special Notice

Retired Ministers
Annual Fellowship Dinner
(during camp meeting)

Please note that the dinner will be held on
Thursday – August 9 at 12:30 p.m.
in the private dining room at Falcon
Our special honorees will be the 2007 retirees!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM

As I write this article, I am awed and amazed at what God has accomplished through the first five-plus months of 2007. I can only give Him praise for what is taking is place in our conference. The vision to plant/mother churches is coming to fruition, and the spirit and desire for revival and harvest is taking hold. Eight new locations have been added to our family since January 1, and within the next month that number will grow by three. To God be the glory! There is a growing burden among the existing churches in the conference to plant/mother churches. In the last two weekends I have had the privilege to attend the organization of Christian Church of Wilmington (IPHC) with 45 members; the Grand Opening of New Destiny IPHC in Greenville with 148 present; the opportunity to preach the fourth year anniversary of United Ministries in Windsor (independent) and also to present Missions to that congregation (great response/results); and to attend the district-wide celebration at New Destiny IPHC in Greenville with 166 present. God is pouring out His Spirit! To those who think the church is dying, think again. I am well aware that there is a deep need for general revival; however, I believe in enumerating victories and giving God praise for what is being accomplished. Again let me say that "healthy churches" should be reproducing themselves. One of the primary tools for evangelism is planting new churches. There are many churches in the North Carolina Conference that can be a part of a church plant, and Pastors, I challenge you to accept this challenge and forge ahead with the plan.

When you read this article, we will have completed the first three **Model Church Strategy** training sessions. They were *Vision*, *Outreach*, and *Assimilation*. In the 6 locations the average attendance has been 160-plus, with over 40 churches involved. The instructors have done a superb job. On July 10 we begin the second half of the training. The topics are *Worship*, *Leadership*, and *Church Planting* and the *7 Laws of 7*. I am excited with the prospects and potential of these workshops. **PASTORS, you and your leadership** should be a part of this training! We should use every tool and resource available to us to take advantage of what God wants to bring about in our churches. Yes, we must enumerate and praise God for what is being accomplished now; however, let's be reminded – we've only "scratched the surface" of possibilities and potential. ***"Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).*** This involves catching the vision, receiving the burden, and preparing and planning for the harvest. There is a great and growing harvest potential across our conference – our greatest days are ahead!

As we move on towards the second half of 2007, plans are being made for 2008. We are planning a City Quest event in Falcon and an expanded version of the "7 Laws of 7" training. You will soon receive information about these events and other 2008 Missions events.

MISSIONS

On Wednesday morning, May 2, I joined 15 other people at RDU, mostly from the Clinton First Church, to fly to Belize for nine days. Belize is a small country (about the size of New Hampshire) immediately south of the Yucatan Peninsula, bordered by Mexico and Guatemala. It is a country of 500,000 people with few developed natural resources. In spite of this, Belize is ripe for harvest. When we arrived, we were met and transported by missionaries Eugene and Elizabeth Hancock, who have represented the IPHC in Belize since January 2006. The Hancocks have established seven congregations, with more in the immediate future as they develop the present congregations and establish the Bible school. We traveled over three hours to our hotel. The project was to build a church building in a Mayan village called Red

Bank, a community of 800-plus families. It would be the first church building among the Mayan Indians. The Clinton church not only raised the funds for this project; they also put together the team actually to go and erect the building under the capable leadership of their pastor, Rev. Dwight Dunning. We were joined in Miami for the final leg to Belize City by the RMC of the region, missionary Darrel Clowers and sons Daniel and Trevor.

The building was 30' x 60' with block walls and a metal roof system with steel trusses. We had an abundance of assistance from the local congregation. The dedication service was attended by over 150 people, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful. I asked Brother Hancock for a couple of "wants" (needs) as he builds congregations and strengthens the Bible school.

He greatly needs a mortar mixer (our mortar was mixed manually on the open ground) and 36 study Bibles for the students. I believe we can easily furnish both of these needs, don't you?

I have included two team member testimonials:

"I have over the years thanked God that I live and worship in America, but I learned in Belize in a small church with no electricity, no windows, dirt floors, and candles for light, the God I worship is the same God they worship there. In that same church I saw children singing, quoting scripture, and worshiping like adults. I believe God has blessed our church over the years so that we can share His blessings with others like those at Red Bank and all around the world. I believe that God gives to us so we can help others. You will never, ever outgive God." —W.F. Carr

"Growing up, I always gave to the Missions offerings like Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong. I prayed for missionaries and donated to various mission groups. I thought I was doing my part, my "duty" as a Christian. I even prayed the generic prayers asking God to bless "those people" that the money was earmarked for. After participating in the Red Bank church building project in Belize, Central America, "those people" now have names; they have faces, smiles, and families. They are a loving people who love God and now have a place to worship. The mission trip to Belize opened my eyes to two realities. First, there are "Red Bank" villages all around the world, full of Josés, Estephans, Luises, and Donecios who are able to worship God and to hear God's Word because of the gifts we give to missions. Never again will I donate to Missions without thinking of actual people who will be blessed. Second, I will never again pray for our missionaries without thinking of the "Budder Genes and Miss Lizzes" (Eugene and Elizabeth) out in the world giving their lives in the service of the Lord." – Mike Gobble

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Total Missions Giving Through April 2007:

$414,097,

as compared to April 2006:

$365,046 **+13.5%**

Thank you for

INVESTING IN ETERNITY!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

The Dash

by Jon Oliver, CEM Board Member and Executive Pastor of Saint Paul PHC in Greenville, NC

A tombstone is a tombstone. Some may be a bit more detailed or have some added features like a picture frame or vase, but for the most part, a tombstone is a tombstone. It shows a person's full name, birth date, and the day that person breathed his last breath on this earth. Have you ever thought about the fact that the person had little or nothing to do with those things? I know some of you probably wish that you did have a choice about what you were named. I will not name any names, but if I had been named after my grandfather, I would have had to change my name very early in life! You have nothing to do with what you were named, when you were born and when you will die. I propose that the most important marking on a tombstone is not your name, birth date, or death date, but the dash between the dates. That little marking represents not just one day, as do your birth and death dates, but ***all*** the days in between the two. It tells your ***real*** name, who you ***really*** are. If you are reading this right now, you are still "in the dash," which means God still has a plan for your life. You still have the opportunity to have people remember you the way you want them to remember you. Let me give you a few questions to ponder on a regular basis: *What will you leave when you die? How will you be remembered? What will your "dash" represent?*

A baby camel asked his mother, "Mom, why do I have these huge three-toed feet?"

His mother replied, "Well, son, your toes help you stay on top of the soft sand when we trek across the desert."

A few minutes later the baby asked, "Mom, why do I have these long eyelashes?"

His mother replied, "Well, son, your eyelashes help keep the sand out of your eyes on our trips through the desert."

A few minutes later the baby camel asked, "Mom, why do I have these great big humps on my back?"

His mother, who was getting a little impatient with her son, replied, "Well, son, your humps store water for our long treks across the desert, so you can go without drinking for long periods of time."

"That's great, Mom," the baby camel said. "We have huge feet to stop us from sinking, long eyelashes to keep sand out of our eyes, and humps to store water. But ... Mom?"

"Yes, son?"

"Why are we in the zoo?"

Some of you may feel like you are "in the zoo" – all caged up with nowhere to go. That is not the case! God created you with a specific purpose in mind. He has provided you with gifts and abilities locked inside you for you to unlock and become and do as He desires. He created you to leave a legacy. I believe it is time for us to unlock and use the potential God has placed inside us to make a difference and leave a legacy.

Whatever you do in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Colossians 3:17, NKJV)

Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men. (Colossians 3:23, NKJV)

Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men. (Proverbs 22:29)

Leaving a legacy starts and ends with excellence. Excellence honors God and inspires people. We must work with excellence in every area of our lives. God's anointing in your life can cover a multitude of things, but not a lack of work. Throughout the Bible, God took developed skill and placed His anointing on it. Think about it. Do you really think that when David killed Goliath, he had never before picked up a slingshot? It's time for us to rise to another level of excellence. Developed skills performed with excellence inspire people. Is that the legacy you want to leave? Is that what you want your dash to represent?

I would like to give you 7 key principles (borrowed from Bishop Tony Miller) to maximize your potential and leave the legacy that God desires you to leave:

1. God always builds life from the inside out. Your life is a process.
2. You never change what you are willing to tolerate.
3. What you respect you attract.
4. Focus is the key to success.
5. What you make happen for others God will make happen for you.
6. Your future is always in your present.
7. Have a "do not quit" attitude. "When quitting is no longer an option, it is amazing how many strategies you can find!"

God created you to excel and leave a legacy! What will your "dash" represent?

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

As God continues to move at Camp Freedom in Falcon, N.C., we covet your prayers. To date, we have been able to minister to hundreds of Royal Rangers and have had dozens of boys and men meet Jesus Christ on our campus! If you have any questions about using Camp Freedom for your ministry, or if you would like to support Camp Freedom, please call the NC CEM Office at (910) 980-1162.

The dam at Camp Freedom after restoration

The bridge and canoe dock

The pier and swimming area at Camp Freedom

We would also like to extend a very special thanks to David Byrd (Clinton PHC) for his tireless effort in restoring the dam and to Larry Ward (The Capital Church) and his construction crews for the beautiful craftsmanship of the bridge, canoe dock, and pier! Gentlemen, thank you, and may God bless you all!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

July / August 2007

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker	July 1
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. Reuben Batchelor	July 6
Rev. M. R. Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Mrs. Betty Dowdy	July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann	July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson	July 27
Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev W. H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. J. H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August 20
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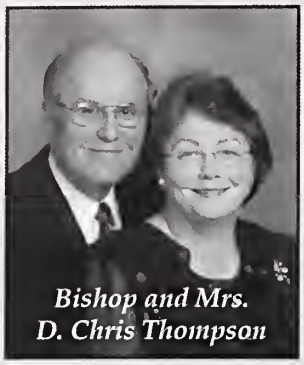
We invite everyone to attend this years Falcon Camp Meeting.

Please make plans to be with us!

WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

Falcon Camp Meeting began in 1900 under the leadership of Julius A. Culbreth, a Methodist layman who had received the experience of sanctification under the preaching of Rev. A. B. Crumpler. Mr. Culbreth managed the Camp Meeting until 1943 as an interdenominational event. In that year he released the Camp Meeting to the leadership of the North Carolina Conference Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.



Bishop and Mrs. D. Chris Thompson

For 107 years the Camp Meeting has emphasized the full-gospel message of salvation, sanctification, holiness, Holy Spirit baptism (beginning in 1907), divine healing, and the second coming of Jesus Christ. This year will be no exception. The preaching and teaching of our featured speakers, **Rev. Bill Wilson, Rev. Terry Fowler** and **Rev. Terry Tramel**, will continue these Biblical themes. This year's theme is *"LIFT YOUR HEAD"*. Throughout all these many years Falcon Camp Meeting has blessed Eastern North Carolina and the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Its influence extends to the entire world through the World Missions Emphasis. Anyone and everyone are welcome to the services. A program has been planned for all.

Camp Meeting Music

Rev. Wiley Hughes is a man known and loved by those who attend Falcon Camp Meeting. His love for God and people shows in his music. He has a special gift to lead worshipers into the presence of the Lord. He presently serves as the pastor of the **Mount Carmel Pentecostal Holiness Church** in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He has been in full-time ministry for eighteen years. He served the Mount Carmel Church as Minister of Music before becoming pastor and has successfully led the music at Falcon Camp Meeting for a number of years. For a brief time he was a full-time conference evangelist. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with a B.S. degree in Music Education and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary with a M.A. degree in Christian Education. He presently serves on the Conference Examining Committee. He and his wife, Wendy, have two lovely daughters.

Saturday Night...Live!

Communicating to young people for over 15 years, **Lee Wilson's** straight forward, hard hitting and humorous style of ministry has had an astounding impact on thousands around the world. Lee travels extensively ministering to thousands of youth and youth leaders each year. As the youth minister of ***In-line Student Ministries***, the youth ministry of **World Changers Church International** in College Park, Georgia, Lee led the student ministry from 100 to 700 in just under two years. He is also the former youth pastor of ***Urban Oneighty***, the youth ministry of Church On The Move. Lee is the former Co-host of ***Fire by Nite***, Nationally syndicated TV program, founder of ***Face2Face Summer Youth Conventions***, and guest speaker at conventions, nationally and internationally, including ***Youth America, Acquire the Fire, Australia's Youth Alive*** and many more. Lee is married to Tonya Wilson, wife of 13 years, and has two beautiful girls, Alexis and Jordan.

Childrens Camp Meeting

Rev. Allen Thomas

Rev. Allen Thomas and his team will take your kids on an amazing journey through the Old Testament. During the children's camp meeting this year, your kids will be actively involved in stories, games, puzzles and other activities that stimulate imagination, creativity and group participation. Your children will delight in learning 77 hand signs that cover the major people, places and events of the Old Testament. It's an exciting journey that will take them from ***"Creation to Christ"***.

Rev. Thomas is a full time **Children's Pastor**, the founder of **King's Klowns Ministries**, a certified instructor for the **National Center for Biblical Parenting**, and an Associate Instructor for **Walk Thru the Bible Ministries.** Plan to bring your children every night to participate in this life changing experience.

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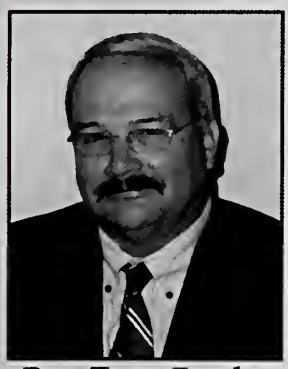
Rev. Bill Wilson

Rev. Bill Wilson is the founder and director of **Metro Ministries International** which reaches over 200,000 people each week with an inspiring message of hope. His focus is to find and rescue the children left behind on the battlegrounds of drugs, violence, abuse and filth. Since the beginning of his mission to the inner cities, he has always lived with a *"WHAT EVER IT TAKES"* attitude. When he began reaching the inner city of New York in 1980, no one was taking the message of hope to the ghettos - not churches, not the government, not the city - **no one!** Everyone had given up on them. Wilson knew that the struggle to win the children of New York City could only be won with the power of God. So he developed a fast-paced children's program in the chaos of the ghetto. His curriculum and unique concept for reaching children has been established in thousands of cities in the US and around the world. Bill Wilson knows from personal experience and a lifetime of devotion to children that it takes time to build a generation. But with a commitment to work with committed people all across the globe, this living American legend is working to change the world. *One Child At A Time.*

Rev. Terry Tramel is a Professor of Bible and Theology at Southwestern Christian University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He also writes for the Adult Sunday School Commentary for One Accord Resources in Franklin Springs, Georgia. Rev. Tramel has been licensed as a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness Church since 1979 and is a member of the Cornerstone Conference. He is a graduate of Mid-American Christian University in Oklahoma with a B.S. degree. Other educational achievements include an M.A. degree from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma. Rev. Tramel has pastored several churches in the Heartland and Cornerstone Conferences. He has ministered in 450 local church revivals and in over 40 camp meetings and Bible conferences. He and his wife, Beckie, have two children.

Rev. Terry Tramel



Rev. Terry Fowler

Rev. Terry Fowler has a proven record of leadership. On August 1, 2006 he was appointed as the new director of **World Intercession Network (WIN) and Pastoral Care.** Prior to this appointment, he served for 8 years as superintendent of the South Carolina Conference, 7.5 years as director of Church Education Ministries and 14 years as a pastor. Our Presiding Bishop, Rev. James D. Leggett, says, ***"Fowler was chosen for this role because he has a heart for the prayer ministry and a deep concern for pastors"***. While serving as superintendent of South Carolina, Fowler initiated a prayer ministry as well as a mentoring program for pastors in his conference. One of his main goals as WIN Director is to equip conference WIN directors, who, in turn, will be able to help local churches equip their prayer teams. He would like to mobilize international prayer teams to pray for the vision of the IPHC as it relates to the M21 initiatives *(pray for the harvest, give generously, reach people, disciple believers, plant churches and develope leaders)*. His vision is not only to work with pastors, but with every ministry of the IPHC, to intercede for them to reach their objectives. He and his wife, Imogene, currently live in Oklahoma City.

Other Special Speakers

Bishop D. Chris Thompson
Sunday, Aug. 12 - 5:00 PM

9:30 AM Speakers

These services in the Octagon Tabernacle have proven to be "power points" of the week.

Monday and Tuesday - Rev. Rick Fountain, Asst. Director of Evangelism USA and Director of Operations for the Acts2Day/Home Missions Conferences of IPHC

Wednesday - Rev. Abraham Rodriquez, Pastor of Oasis of Hope PH Church.

Thursday - Rev. Oris Hubbard, Pastor of Sharon PH Church and a member of the Conference Board. He serves as Conference Loan Officer.

Friday - Rev. Stacy Watford, Pastor of the Harkers Island PH Church

Saturday - Rev. Stacy Hilliard, Pastor of Breakthrough Revival Center.

Sunday - Rev. Greg Dixon, Youth Pastor, Stedman PH Church.

Rev. Rick Fountain
Monday & Tuesday - 9:30 AM

Schedule of services continued on next page...

★ Schedule of Services ★

Sunday, August 5th

6:00 PM	Praise and Worship Rev. Bill Wilson

Monday, August 6th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Rick Fountain *
11:00 AM	Rev. Bill Wilson
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Bill Wilson

Tuesday, August 7th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Rick Fountain *
11:00 AM	Rev. Bill Wilson
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Bill Wilson

Wednesday, August 8th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Abraham Rodriquez *
11:00 AM	Rev. Terry Fowler
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Terry Tramel

Thursday, August 9th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Oris Hubbard *
11:00 AM	Rev. Terry Fowler
12:30 PM	Retired Ministers Luncheon
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Terry Tramel

Friday, August 10th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Stacy Watford *
11:00 AM	Rev. Terry Fowler
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Terry Tramel

Saturday, August 11th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting *
9:30 AM	Rev. Stacy Hilliard *
10:30 AM	Minister's Wives Fellowship
11:00 AM	Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Youth Emphasis Director: Rev. Charles Boyd Message: Rev. Lee Wilson

Sunday, August 12th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Rev. Greg Dixon*
11:00 AM	Rev. Terry Tramel
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:00 PM	Global Outreach Celebration Director: Rev. Danny Nelson Message: Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Please Note: All services noted by an asterisk (*) will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle. ***ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE JULIUS A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.***

★ Special Events ★

★ **Early Morning Prayer** - NC Conference WIN Director, **Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa**, will lead a special time of intercession each morning at 8:30 AM in the Octagon Tabernacle. **The Octagon Tabernacle will be open each day for prayer.** Evening intercessions will be lead by Dr. Figueroa and team in the **Upper Prayer Room in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium.**

★ **Nursery** - Two nurseries will be available for the evening services in the entrance area of the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. These will be for 0-2 years of age and 3-4 years of age. Trained attendants will be on duty. **Children must be picked up immediately at the close of each service.**

★ **Children's Camp Meeting** - A special Children's Camp Meeting service will be held each evening in the Old Tabernacle. **Rev. Allen Thomas** is a full time Children's Pastor and will take the children on a amazing journey through the Old Testament. Ages 5-10 may attend. **Children must be picked up immediately at the close of each service.**

★ **Retired Ministers Luncheon** - This special time of appreciation will be hosted by **Bishop Thompson and the Conference Board.** It will be held on Thursday, August 9th at 12:30 PM in the Private Dining Room. **Director Wiley T. Clark** will lead the meeting. The 2007 retirees will be our special honorees.

★ **Ministers Wives Fellowship** - The fellowship meeting will be on Saturday, August 11th at 10:30 AM at the Culbreth Memorial Church Fellowship Hall here in Falcon. The special speaker will be **Mrs. Susan Beacham**, wife of Rev. Doughlas Beacham, Director of World Missions for the IPHC. **Director Betty Thompson** will lead the service. All ministers wives and lady ministers are invited to attend.

★ **Youth Emphasis** - The Conference Church Education Ministries Director, **Rev. Charles Boyd and Board** will sponsor a youth service on Saturday evening, August 11th at 6 PM. Rev. Boyd will lead the service and **Rev. Lee Wilson** is the featured speaker.

★ **Sunday AM & PM** - **Rev. Terry Tramel** of Oklahoma will be preaching at the 11:00 o'clock worship service. **Bishop D. Chris Thompson** will speak in the closing camp meeting service.

★ **Global Outreach Celebration** - The NC Conference World Missions Director, **Rev. Danny Nelson**, will lead the Camp Meeting and Conference in collecting the ***2007 Global Outreach Offering.*** Each church is requested to report and/or turn in their offering by Wednesday, August 8th. **Several missionaries will be present.**

★ **Meals** - Meals will be available on Campus in the Cafeteria Training Center Monday through Sunday. The Canteen will be opened after the evening services Monday through Saturday. Special picnic facilities will be available for Sunday, August 13th.

★ **Rooms** - Rooms are available at $20 per night in the **Beige Dorm**, former **CEM Home** and the **Ward Dormitory.** An additional $2 per person, per room is charged for three or more in a room. **Contact Ms. Dolores Reynolds for reservations at (910)980-1162.**

The Speakers...

Reverend Donald Duncan
Evangelist
South Carolina

Reverend D. Chris Thompson
Bishop
North Carolina Conference IPHC

Ormond Williams—Song Leader
Deborah Gurganus—Pianist

Piney Grove Camp Meeting Schedule

19	Sunday (AM and PM)	Chris Thompson
20	Monday	Donald Duncan
21	Tuesday	Donald Duncan
22	Wednesday	Chris Thompson
23	Thursday	Donald Duncan
24	Friday	Chris Thompson
25	Saturday	Donald Duncan
26	Sunday AM Service PM Service	 Chris Thompson Donald Duncan

GET READY — CAMP MEETIN'S A COMING!

Piney Grove Camp Meeting

August 19 - 26, 2007

Services begin at 7:30 PM on week days.
Services begin at 6:30 PM on Saturday.

Sunday Service Schedule:
10:00 AM Sunday School
Sunday AM Services will be in the Church.
11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service
6:30 PM Sunday Worship Service

Special Singing Each Evening

Camp Meeting is located adjacent to
the
Hodges Chapel
Pentecostal Holiness Church
Chocowinity,
North Carolina

August Equals Camp Meeting

August is camp meeting time for the North Carolina Conference. The conference has two camp meetings annually. They both are in August. These are the Falcon Camp Meeting and the Piney Grove Camp Meeting.

Falcon Camp Meeting began in 1900 under the leadership of Julius A. Culbreth, a Methodist layman who had received the experience of sanctification under the preaching of Reverend A. B. Crumpler. Mr. Culbreth managed the camp Meeting until 1943 as

an interdenominational event. In that year he released the camp meeting to the leadership of the North Carolina Conference Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

For 107 years the camp meeting has emphasized the full-gospel message of salvation, sanctification, holiness, Holy Spirit baptism (beginning in 1907), divine healing, and the second coming of Jesus Christ. This year will be no exception. The preaching and teaching of our featured speakers, Reverend Bill Wilson, Reverend Terry Fowler and Reverend Terry Tramel, will continue these biblical themes. This year's theme is "Lift Your Head." Throughout all these many years, Falcon Camp Meeting has blessed Eastern North Carolina and the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Its influence extends to the entire world through the World Missions Emphasis. Anyone and everyone is welcome to the services. A program has been planned for all.

The Falcon Camp Meeting is held on the grounds of the Resource Development Center of the North Carolina Conference in Falcon. Services are held daily at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. This year the meeting begins on Sunday night, August 5, and continues through Sunday night, August 12. The weekend services – Saturday and Sunday nights – begin at 6:00 p.m. On the August 12 a special World Missions Service will be held at 5:00 p.m. A schedule of services for the camp meeting is located in this issue of the *Evangel*.

Falcon Camp Meeting is known as a family camp meeting. Services are held for all age groups. Each evening there is a Children's Camp Meeting for ages 5-10. Reverend Allen Thomas, a full-time children's pastor in Dunn, will be speaking. Nurseries are provided for children ages 0-4. On Saturday night, August 11, the Church Education Ministries under the leadership of Director Charles Boyd will host a youth service (for all ages). Internationally known speaker Reverend Lee Wilson will be speaking.

The camp meeting is known for the Pentecostal singing as well as the Pentecostal preaching. Reverend Wiley Hughes from Fayetteville will be leading and directing the music. Each service begins with a time of pre-worship singing and praying. During the services, special groups and choirs will be singing.

Falcon Camp Meeting in one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Pentecostal and holiness camp meeting in the world. This year marks the 108th meeting.

The Piney Grove Camp Meeting began in the year 1909 under the leadership of Pastor A. H. Butler. The Hodges Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church near Chocowinity, North Carolina, hosts the camp meeting. The North Carolina Conference shares in the leadership of the camp meeting through the ministry of the conference superintendent, who serves as the camp meeting manager.

This year is the 99th meeting of the camp meeting. The services will begin on Sunday morning, August 19, and continue through Sunday night, August 26. Services are held only in the evening, with the exception of Sunday mornings. Nightly weekday services are at 7:30 p.m. Weekend services on Saturday and Sunday are at 6:30 p.m.

The speakers this year are Reverend Donald Duncan from South Carolina and Bishop Chris Thompson from North Carolina. Reverend Duncan is the former vice chairman of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Bishop Thompson is the superintendent of the North Carolina Conference and manager of the camp meeting. Ormond Williams of the Hodges Chapel Church will direct and lead the music. Special singing will occur each evening.

Both of these camp meetings serve as a time of spiritual renewal and refreshment for all who attend. Every year many conversions take place. Participants are called into full-time Christian service. Lives are changed. The Lord shows up in all the services. It is a glorious time. All are welcome!

Rev. James William "Bill" Gill

July 17, 1932 – June 25, 2007

On Saturday morning, June 30, 2007 a service was held to celebrate the life of Reverend Bill Gill. The service was held at 11:00 a.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Fuquay Varina, North Carolina. Interment was at Wake Chapel Memorial Gardens.

Those ministers participating in the service were Pastor Sam Cotton, Reverend L. B. Collins, and Bishop Chris Thompson. Rose McCormick and Kendrick Smith read select passages of Scripture. Don Lee and Melissa Scott rendered special songs. The service was filled with the presence of the Lord.

Reverend Gill was a licensed minister of the North Carolina Conference. He was licensed in June 1992. For 12 years, Brother Gill had ministered as a local church minister (then called mission worker).

During his ministry in North Carolina he pastored the North Hickory Church in Angier. He was pastor there when fire destroyed the sanctuary. Due to his leadership a beautiful and enlarged sanctuary was built. After his tenure at North Hickory, Pastor Gill founded the Family Worship Center near Angier. The church is a growing church and making a difference in the community.

Pastor Gill was born and reared in England. He was converted at the age of 12 and began preaching at the age of 18. He taught Sunday school and was minister of music at Rehoboth Assembly of God at Ashton-Lyne, England, 1948-1955. He was Bible teacher at an Assembly church in South Wales, 1955-1957.

Brother Gill came to the United States in 1958 and taught and preached in churches in Broomhall, Allenton, and Kertown, Pennsylvania. He moved to North Carolina in 1972. He joined the Evangel Church, then pastored by Reverend L. B. Collins. He served there with Pastors L. B. Collins and R. N. Hood until he accepted the pastorate at North Hickory in 1984. He was one of several who were instrumental in making Evangel a full time church with attendance going over 200.

Bill Gill was a preacher who loved the Lord and loved the Word. He was an excellent Bible teacher. Not only did he preach well, but he was also an excellent singer. The Lord blessed his ministerial efforts.

I knew Brother Gill for some 26 years. He was a warrior of the faith. He will be missed. He leaves behind his lovely wife, Myra, and two children, James and Karen.

–D. Chris Thompson

Blonnie Mae Guthrie
(Mrs. Reverend Joseph R. Guthrie)

Mrs. Blonnie Mae Guthrie was laid to rest on May 24, 2007, at the Vergie Mae Cemetary, Harkers Island, North Carolina. Her service of celebration was held earlier at the Harkers Island Church. Pastors Stacy Watford and Jonathan Griffin (Smyrna Church) officiated at the service. Reverend Jimmy Whitfield, assistant superintendent, represented the North Carolina Conference International Pentecostal Holiness Church. (Bishop Chris Thompson was at a General Executive Board Meeting in Vancouver, Canada.)

Sister Blonnie Mae Guthrie was the wife of Reverend Joseph R. Guthrie. They were married on June 1, 1940. They served the Lord faithfully together until his death in October 2005.

To this marriage were added three children, Betty Jo, Jimmy, and Randy. Shortly after their marriage, Sister Guthrie accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in 1944. Brother Guthrie was saved the next year and shortly after was called to preach.

Their first pastorate was Graham Memorial in Mill Creek. After this, they pastored the Swansboro Church and the Ebenezer Church in Nashville, North Carolina.

In 1974 Brother and Sister Guthrie left the pastorate due to health reasons and moved back to Harkers Island. Sister Guthrie became the church pianist and serve faithfully in that position until poor health forced her into a nursing home. She served faithfully at the church in many capacities, including teaching Sunday school.

Sister Guthrie was a delightful lady. She was always encouraging and blessed me when I was able to visit her. She was a woman of faith and commitment. She was a gifted musician. Some of these musical gifts were passed along to her children. Randy and Jimmy are known to bless in church often with their singing. They certainly have blessed me. Betty Jo has her mother's gift of loving people and building a relationship with them.

Sister Guthrie will be missed, but she is not lost to us. We know where she is!

Deborah's Daughters Training Seminar

The lady Clergy of the North Carolina Conference held their annual fellowship and training seminar on April 27-28, 2007, at Falcon. It was the first seminar with the lady clergy referred to as "Deborah's Daughters." The new name speaks of all lady clergy, who are God's chosen mouthpiece for a time when His children need deliverance. Lady clergy work not above or before, but alongside their male counterparts in building God's kingdom.

The seminar started on Friday night with greetings by the director of the lady clergy, Rev. Janice Marshburn. Praise and worship was led by Rev. Rose Boyd. At 7:30 Rev. Dr. Lynn Lucas started training session I. Dr. Lucas taught from 2 Kings 4:8 on prophetic visitation. Dr. Lucas gave us an alphabet to receiving and being a part of prophetic visitation.

The altar time was filled with lady clergy seeking to be a part of the prophetic move of God. Dr. Lucas prayed and ministered to each lady who answered the call to come forth. The Lord's presence was very evident to all who were in attendance. The night was closed by refreshments and fellowship. Rev. Janice Marshburn provided communion supplies to each in attendance at Friday night's session. Each lady was instructed to take communion prayerfully when she got back to her room after the first session.

Saturday morning's training session began with breakfast at 8:00 and praise and worship at 9:00. Rev. Rose Boyd ushered in the presence of the Lord and was successful at leading the lady clergy into a worshipful atmosphere. Dr. Lucas began the morning training session at 9:30 and continued teaching on prophetic visitation.

Her text was from Judges 4 and I Samuel 25. Dr. Lucas shared many purposes for prophetic visitation. We learned how a) visitations bring us and our gifts out of hiding; b) they confirm what we've already heard from God; c) visitations cause others to have confidence in us and help us; d) they come to re-establish God's promises to us. After lunch the seminar was split by two workshops. The workshops were taught in English and Spanish to accommodate all lady clergy present. Rev. Patsy Vaughan taught on "Conflict in the Home." It was an awesome teaching on real experiences in the lives of God's children and mainly focused on lady clergy. Rev. Patsy challenged us to *lighten up!* She reminded us that conflict in the home is nothing new. It is something that has been around since the first family in Gen. 16:4. Rev. Patsy taught the importance of remembering 1) you're not the first to experience conflict in the home; 2) you're not the only one who is experiencing it; 3) God is faithful!

Rev. Martha Bedoya facilitated the workshop "Conflict in the Home" in Spanish for our Hispanic ladies in attendance.

Dr. Lydia Figueroa's workshop was titled "I'm Called – Now What?" She reminded us that the call is God's. The call takes 1) time, 2) vision, and 3) a goal. Dr. Lydia encouraged us to know we are in the FOG. **F**-favor; **O**-of; **G**-God.

The training seminar was concluded by Dr. Lucas' third session on prophetic visitation. The day was complete by an altar service. Each lady clergy who responded to the altar call was personally ministered to by Dr. Lucas. It was a great day of refreshing and moving forward in the Spirit for all who were open to the prophetic visitation that was experienced!

—Rev. Fay Bowden
Deborah's Daughters Advisory Council Member

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Ten Things Every Minister Needs to Know

by Ronnie Floyd. Green Forest, Arkansas: New Leaf Press Publishers. 144 pages.

Every minister needs encouragement and proper counsel from time to time to check motives, manners, and methods of ministry. Sadly some ministers have no mentor for this regular checking in and seeing how things are going. Ronnie Floyd, a seasoned veteran of Christian ministry, has earned the right to be heard and can fill in the void of having no personal mentor. He tells it like it is and how it ought to be. Jay Strack stated of Floyd and his newest publication, "One of America's greatest pastors and leaders … has provided a matrix of all those called to be a shepherd yet called to slay giants, build the kingdom, fight battles, lead men, and still be a man after God's own heart."

God-called ministers strongly desire a biblically driven and a spiritually empowered ministry. Philips Brooks often said, "If God has called you into the ministry, don't ever stoop to be a king!" Staying true to the Bible and to the Person of the Holy Spirit while serving the Lord is essential. Not only do ministers have the grave and solemn responsibility of being faithful; He also expects them to be fruitful. "Becoming better at what you do and doing more with what you have is between you and God." Yet temptations and sometimes trials abound to pull ministers away from these ideals. The subtle influences of culture challenge the man or woman of God in remaining true to the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit.

The ten principles every minister should know are (1) There is power in one hour; (2) Who you are is more important than what you do; (3) Practice determines play; (4) Building family is more important than building ministry; (5) You're not thinking big enough; (6) Not every hill is worth dying on; (7) Relationships move your ministry; (8) Decision-making is not about you; (9) Balance draws masses; and (10) How to believe God for your future.

Throughout the book the author graciously gives some great thoughts to consider, such as (1) Ministers forfeit their leadership, influence, and ministry when they do not spend time with God daily; (2) Carnal Christians create dysfunctional churches; (3) Do the Lord's work the Lord's way; (3) The minister who forgets his calling will become ensnared in the trap of performance; (4) What you do daily will result in some kind of product; (5) Your family is more important than your church family; (6) Churches decline when passion is missing; (7) You will never be any greater than the places you go, the people you meet, or the books you read; (8) We must be a people who not only understand our times, but adjust to our times; (9) You will not succeed in marriage, family, and ministry without prayer; (10) Understand the power of vision and how people love to rally to a better future; (11) If Satan cannot get you to do the wrong thing, he will get you to do the right thing in the wrong way; (12) Never underestimate the value of making an investment in people; (13) The Scriptures should navigate what churches do; (14) Love travels on the tracks of a relationship; (15) Paul was a people connector; (16) Decisions can only be right, consistent, and best when they are decisions that God desires; (17) Balance is portrayed with a message that stays centered on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the only power of God that is for salvation. (18) Truth is determined in our culture by what people see, hear, feel, or experience, and the most recent phenomenon may never equate to genuine spirituality; (19) Genuine worship is an encounter with Christ that results in lifestyle change; (20) Believe God for your future.

The greatest privilege in life is to be called to be one of God's ministers. The ministry is not easy, but it is rewarding, as long as the minister serves God with his or her whole heart. God can be trusted. It is our responsibility to trust Him no matter what the circumstances at the time may be saying to you. This book will encourage and enlighten the minister in the ministry. By all means, take advantage of this book and grasp the "hindsight lessons" of the past from a successful American pastor.

On Being a Pastor: Understanding Our Calling and Work

by Derek Prime and Alistair Begg. Chicago: Moody Publishers. 313 pages.

"Derek Prime and Alistair Begg provide practical advice for both the spiritual and practical aspects of pastoral ministry. They delve deep into topics such as prayer, devotional habits, preaching, studying, and specific ministry duties. The result is an essential tool for those in pastoral ministry." The book consists of fourteen chapters clarifying the role and responsibilities of the pastor.

Christians tend to struggle sometimes with semantics. For example, what do the terms *minister* or *pastor* actually mean? Is Christian ministry a vocation, job or a career? If *called* into the ministry, does the minister have other *options*? What is the *call*? Is the call of God irresistible? When someone decides to enter the ministry, how did the *decision* develop over time? What is *apostolic anointing*? Are all pastors *teachers*? How does one define *teaching*?

The book is helpful for five reasons: (1) First of all, it is written in easy-to-read, understandable language. Profound theological presuppositions and propositional truths for the most part are not found in its pages; (2) Both authors provide helpful and hard-earned insight from their personal lives and ministries; (3) Well-selected quotes from great pastors of the past that give color and punch are supplied; (4) It is a revised and expanded edition; therefore, it is much improved and refined over time; and (5) There is real education included in these pages that will call every pastor to a higher standard of service.

Some of the more outstanding quotes include (1) "It was God's hand that laid hold of me, and drew me out, and separated me to this work" —Martyn Lloyd Jones; (2) "Sheep require good pasture, the pasture of God's Word"; (3) "My people's greatest need is my personal holiness. How awful a weapon in the hand of God is a holy minister." —Robert Murray M'Cheyne; (4) "If any man will preach as he should preach, his work will take more out of him than any other labor under heaven." —Charles Spurgeon' (5) "The reaper is equally paid even for the time in which he sharpens his sickle." —Thomas Goodwin; (6) "Be yourself, but don't preach yourself." —Leith Samuel; (7) "He gives the conquest to the weak, Supports the fainting heart, And courage in the evil hour, His heavenly aids impart." —Alexander Whyte.

The book should be on every pastor's shelf. –Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?'"

(Exodus 4:2)

Mrs. Virginia Bullard, modeling her apron.

The thought for this verse of scripture is this: use what the Lord places in your hands to meet the immediate need.

In June I was invited to a Sharing Sisters brunch held at the Wilmington First Church by our district director, Margaret Berry. It was an "Apron Party." We were blessed with aprons of all shapes and styles, not to mention the wonderful stories that were shared during the Apron Fashion Show. One served as a hat to work outside, then converted to an apron. Secretary/Treasurer Virginia Bullard made a shirt style to use as an apron.

The apron is a piece of our heritage that, for many, triggers warm memories. Decades ago, many women wore aprons to protect clothing while cooking, washing, or gardening. Some aprons were made from household items such as towels, feed sacks, and flour sacks.

APRONS spells out things that God desires from us: **A**doration, **P**raise, **R**espect, **O**bedience, **N**earness and **S**ervice.

Thank you, Margaret, for such a great time in the Lord.

Remember, Mama used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her daughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

P. S. Don't forget upcoming Fall District Rallies. We will be taking the Feast of Ingathering Offerings during the WM Workshop. Our Goal is $75,000.

INDEPENDENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Independence Women's Ministries in Wilson were host to their Sharing Sisters, Cornerstone and Thompson Chapel, with a time of food, fun and fellowship. The theme was *"Where Is Your Treasure?"* Sister Patsy Deese led the devotion and shared items from an old, small cedar chest. She used the scripture from Matthew 6:19. *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth…"* After the message, we enjoyed refreshments prepared by the local WM ladies.

Mrs. Judy Boyette, Independence W.M. Director & her ladies prepare refreshments.

POTPOURRI….

- Use a dry cotton ball to pick up little broken pieces of glass – the fibers catch ones you can't see!
- To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift-wrap roll to your vacuum hose. It can be bent or flattened to get into those narrow openings.
- Before you pour sticky substance into a measuring cup, fill it with hot water. Dump out the hot water but don't dry the cup. Next, add your ingredient (such as peanut butter) and watch how easily it comes right out.

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OUR SHIELD

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." *Ephesians 6:13-16*

1) Jesus our shield

- When we become Christians, we are born onto a battlefield.
- We don't have a choice: war has already been declared against us.
  Choices are:
  - Be trampled by the enemy.
  - Learn to fight.
    - Psa.144:1-2
    - 2 Sam. 22:35-41
    - 1 Tim. 6:11-12

2) Precious promises our shield

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." *2 Peter 1:4*
Gal. 3:14

- God has given us promises that relate to every area of life.
  - Abundant provision, healing, many blessings
  - This is given to people that trust in Him.

When you begin your walk with the Lord:

- You start to open the Bible and trust in God's promises.
- You discover there is a battle (against you).
- You're desiring to come to a new place in the Lord.
- You're wanting to move forward and obtain the promises.

Satan, your enemy, will try to stop you.
He wants to: discourage you – frighten you – make you turn back – stop your pressing forward – keep you busy.

Believers must stay occupied till Jesus comes. "Occupy till I come." (Luke 19:13)

When moving forward in the Lord, you will began to experience:

- An unleashing from Satan
- Things going wrong in your life
  - Overwhelming attacks
  - Finances (unexpected bill, repairs); faith goes down the drain
  - A prolonged illness, attacks against your health
  - Other setbacks that stop your progress
  - Calamities come
  - A spiritual attack
  - Thing that distract you
  - Adversity / Intimidation

When a local church is trying to establish some new ministries, you may experience.

- A crucial time, a wave of adversity

The enemy comes with a storm of adversities to intimidate us and try to make us turn back.
The time is now! Take the shield of Jesus and the shield of promises and fight the good fight of faith.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Get Over It?

When it comes to forgiving, where do we stand? We know what Jesus does. In 1 John 1:9, we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." When Jesus gave us a model prayer, he instructed us to pray, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt. 6:12). These verses teach us that Jesus expects us to forgive other people just as he forgives us.

Okay, that doesn't sound so tough. Or is it?

You see, Jesus knows we are not perfect and that we will make mistakes. He also knows how easy it is for us to get ourselves in trouble with other people.

Ever get caught up in conversations that end up causing hurt feelings? The small talk usually starts out innocently enough: "Did you hear what happened to Sister So-and-So?" or "Did you hear what Brother So-and-So said about…?" More often than not, it starts out with, "Please pray for So-and-So…" Usually a story emerges that has hearsay and conjecture in it. You add your two-cent's worth. Next thing you know, Brother or Sister So-and-So has gotten wind of your comments, and feelings are hurt.

What I am trying to say is that gossip can cause hard feelings and create friction between people. What do we do, then? Is it easy to admit we were talking about something that was none of our business? Do we get mad at the talebearer who took our comments back? Do we sweep it under the rug, or do we go and make it right? When the gossip is about us or someone we love, do we harbor resentment, or do we forgive?

Sometimes people do things that hurt our feelings, and they don't even know it. They are innocent in their motives and are completely unaware their actions have caused us trouble. Whatever the situation may be, we have to make things right. We have to forgive.

We have enemies. There are people who will hurt us intentionally. Jesus knows. He was intentionally hurt too. But he still forgave, and he still expects us to forgive.

How often do you hear, "I'll forgive you, but I can't forget it." The Lord said in Hebrews 8:12, "I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." In Luke 17:3, Jesus makes it clear what our duty is: "Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him."

While we don't have the ability to erase memories from our minds, we do have control over our thoughts. When we forgive, we choose to think good of a person and to do good to him. We choose to not dwell on past events. When we forgive, it gives us the power to acknowledge something hurtful happened, but the hurt is healed and no longer plagues us.

Sometimes forgiveness is a journey taken a step at a time. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, Luke records, "When he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, **as they went**, they were cleansed" (17:14). Sometimes God helps us forgive completely as we go in obedience to his directions. In our weakness and hurt, he helps us be strong and gives us the power to do what we otherwise could not do.

Jesus is saying that we must possess an attitude that desires to forgive and help those who offend us rather than a spirit of revenge or hate. When Jesus forgave us, he never said, "I will forgive you, 'but….'" He forgave us completely of everything in our past and showed us nothing but love in our future.

He knows unforgiveness is a poison that makes the spirit bitter and hinders the work of God. That is why he tells us that we should forgive others and love them. It is in **our** best interest to forgive, and ***Get Over It!*** In our daily walk, we must strive to forgive like Jesus.

Men's Advance

Sept. 14 and 15
Guest Speaker: Rod Handley

This year's theme is "The Character of a Man." You don't want to miss it!

$30 for Advance and $30 for golf on Friday. A 2007 Toyoto pickup is "hole-in-one" prize.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Our Heritage

What does the phrase "our heritage" mean to you? Is it just a group of words you have heard over and over yet does not mean anything to you? Does "our heritage" make you think of our forefathers with all their old clothes, antique furniture, old-fashioned ideas or beliefs, and old ways of doing things? Do you feel that anything from the past is obsolete and of no use in the world we live in today? I am here today to challenge you to think otherwise.

So many times people will get rid of old things and buy the new, updated version thinking that it is better or will make their life better. Do you think maybe we have so many things available to us that we just cannot help but want something that will make our lives better and cause us to be looked up to because of possessing the item? I believe that we all, at one time or another in our lives, have the idea that we have learned a lot and know more than our parents or those that have the rule over us. Of course, if you live any length of time, you will come to realize that you still have a lot to learn.

As a Christian teenager whose family did not go to church, I prayed about and made a lot of decisions about what to believe and how to live because of the preaching of ministers at my church and through watching church people live godly lives that influenced me for the rest of my life. Because of this situation, I learned to respect and look up to those people in my life and therefore respect any of the beliefs that were presented to me. The blessed Holy Spirit taught me to pray about anything I did not understand in the spiritual realm, and therefore I was able to glean the good from any blessing that God sent my way.

Today, I am still gleaning from all those people around me and in my life. God has truly blessed me with such a cloud of witnesses even on this earth. I have said all this to say that we need to glean from each other the good and the bad and ask the Holy Spirit to help us receive what we can pass on to others in this world.

In visiting churches all the time, we see each church as having a personality and being secure in itself because of its beliefs. Many times one church will be patterned after another or after certain personalities, and you can see it the moment you walk in. My question is, why can't we learn to stand out as a church by the simple reason that the pastor and church people have determined to be what God wants them to be and reach out to those God wants them to reach, and not be like other churches or try to perform like someone else? God has a purpose for each congregation, whether it be to reach out to the homeless or the prison population, or to the single mothers, or to teens who don't have positive influences in their lives.

We sometimes tend to overlook the wisdom around us and therefore lose out on so much maturity that each church needs. Take time to interview every person in your church during the next year. You would be surprised to find out what some of those people have done in their lives. Many of our senior citizens are sitting on ready to tell their story. Think of what you are losing out on, especially if they die before you get to interview them. Have a "This Is Your Life" program every so often. It doesn't have to be long, maybe 10-15 minutes per person.

Our heritage – what does it mean to you? Think about it. Is it some meaningless phrase, or is it one of the most important components of a church? I challenge you to find out for yourselves.

I Apologize!

I had put a picture in the June *Evangel* and said I would tell you the next month who the people were and *I forgot!* I apologize; please forgive me. I'm sure most of you knew who they were. If you were at the conference on May 19, 2007, you would have heard their names, but if not, I will list them. Left to right, they are Terry Tripp, Linwood Conner, Albert Mills, James Leggett, Roland Harrell, and Jimmy Forehand. These Holmes Bible College students were available for services during the summer in the early fifties.

Volunteers Are Still Needed!

We still need some volunteers for Archives! If you just have an afternoon and would like to come to Falcon and help out, we would enjoy having you. If you come to camp meeting and would like to help out in the Archives during the afternoons, just give me a call, and we will work out a time. We have all kinds of things that can be done: computer work, inventorying the things that are given, filing away, even reorganizing files. Do consider coming to the Archives to visit even if you don't have the time to work. Keep us in mind and pray for us! May God bless until next time! —Betty T.

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Who Will Fill My Shoes?

The theme for our Ministers' Wives Fellowship program this year is "Who Will Fill My Shoes?" I hope you will think about this topic and consider just what this means to you as a Christian. What kind of influence do you give? Are you a good influence or a bad one? Do people feel better after they have spent time with you, or do they seem to be in a hurry to go somewhere?

Our guest speaker this year is Mrs. Susan Beacham, wife of Rev. Doug Beacham, executive director of the World Missions Department of the IPHC. Susan is director of Pharmacy, Laboratory Services, Radiology, and Respiratory Therapy at Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City. Susan enjoys studying the Bible and being involved in intercessory prayer and has been greatly used by God in these areas. I know you will enjoy and receive a blessing from Susan's ministry to us.

Our registration for the fellowship meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2007, in the Culbreth Memorial Fellowship Hall in Falcon. The MWF Board and I hope that you will plan to come to the meeting. Our meal will be catered, and the price will be $7.50 per person. There will be a babysitter provided, but we will need to know the ages of the small children and how many we will have of each age group. You should have received a letter with all of the details about this event in the mail.

We are excited about our program and meal, and we know that you will enjoy the decorations that we have planned for the meeting. Please encourage other ministers' wives, retired and widowed ministers' wives, and lady ministers to come to our meeting. We hope that you will invite new ministers' wives and lady ministers to come to the meeting also. There may be a widow of a minister or a retired minister's wife who needs a ride, who otherwise may not be able to come to the meeting; please encourage them to come with you. As we are enjoying our lunch, we will have a couple of testimonies of God's faithfulness and goodness by one or two of our ministers' wives. I know you will enjoy the food, devotion, and fellowship and will want to come back again!

I hope to see you on Saturday, August 11, in the Fellowship Hall of Culbreth Memorial Church at our annual MWF Banquet. May God bless!

JEREMIAH 29:11-14

While I was praying about a scripture to encourage you, the Lord reminded me of the message that He gives in Jeremiah 29:11-14: "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive."

Most of us have read this scripture numerous times, and it blesses us each time, but today I would like for us to digest these simple but powerful thoughts. God Jehovah is telling us that we are on His mind and in His thoughts and that we are therefore important to Him! Just knowing that He is thinking of us gives us such peace! He also tells us that when we call His name and make an effort to pray to Him, He will listen intently to what we are saying to Him when we seek Him and His guidance with all of our heart. He tells us that He goes even beyond just listening to us; He will be found by us, and He will lighten our load, whatever it may be. He begins to tell us of things He will do for us. God tells us He will take away our captivity and restore us to where we should be in our relationship with Him. What greater promise than to have God Jehovah as our Father, our protector, our guide, our restorer! No matter what our need may be, He is ever present to lift our load and to guide us through life's problems.

Psalm 27:1 says, "The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Please read Psalm 27:1-6. Remember all His promises! These are just a few! May God bless you and keep you and your family. —Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Grandes Aspectos Informativos Acerca de la Obra Hispana

En la publicación de este mes, siento la necesidad de compartir algunos aspectos informativos de la obra hispana en nuestra conferencia, que son dignos de usar para alabar a Dios, ya que solo El hace posible que las cosas sucedan. Nosotros somos sus instrumentos, pero El hace la parte que no podemos hacer. El Salmo 66: 1-2 dice: "Aclamad a Dios con alegría, toda la tierra. Cantad la gloria de su nombre; poned gloria en su alabanza". Alabamos a Dios por Su provisión, fortaleza, gracia, Su fidelidad, poder y Su maravillosos planes para con Su Iglesia. Dios es bueno todo el tiempo. Celebremos los siguientes avances y logros en Su obra con el ministerio hispano en la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte.

Iglesia Ríos de Agua Viva de Turkey

Hablemos de la iglesia Ríos de Agua Viva en Turkey. Esta congregación fue fundada por el pastor Gonzalo Cobarrubias en el año 1995, luego en el año 2003 fue tomada por el pastor Carlos Carrillo quien siguió trabajando en ella hasta enero del 2006. En abril del año 2006, el pastor José Cruz, un miembro de la misma congregación a quien Dios llamó al ministerio junto con su esposa y sus tres hijos, fueron instalados como pastores. Desde ese entonces el pastor José Cruz ha hecho un gran trabajo, la iglesia ha estado creciendo bajo su ministerio y uno de los más grandes logros fue haber comprado en el mes de noviembre del 2006 un terreno de más de 5 acres en Turkey. En junio de este año salieron del edificio que rentaban y se pasaron a su propiedad para seguir sus servicios bajo una carpa improvisada que ellos mismos construyeron. Con un préstamo del Fondo de Préstamo de la Conferencia, terminaron de pagar el lote y pronto empezarán a construir un hermoso templo con capacidad para 300 personas. Alabado sea Dios. Vea las fotos en seguida acerca de este gran testimonio.

La iglesia Príncipe de Paz

La Iglesia Príncipe de paz es otro testimonio para alabar al Señor. Esta iglesia fue fundada en febrero del año 1999 por el pastor Juan Montes, su esposa María y sus cuatro hijos. Después de haber estado ubicados en la Hwy 701 en el mismo edificio, rentando por 9 años en la ciudad de Newton Grove, hoy el Señor les ha provisto un terrero propio de más de tres acres con un templo con capacidad para 150 personas, una casa y otros edificios en el mismo lote. Con un préstamo del Fondo de Préstamo de nuestra Conferencia, tomaron la decisión y dieron el paso de fe que tanto necesitaban para que ahora sigan adorando al Señor en su propio lugar. Gloria a Dios. Felicitamos al pastor Juan Montes y su congregación por este gran avance

Iglesia Cristiana de Wilmington

La iglesia Cristiana de Wilmington fue fundada en mayo del año pasado por el pastor Edgar Pérez, su esposa Magali y sus hijos. La iglesia ha crecido hasta tener hoy más de 40 personas. El pasado 2 de junio la iglesia fue organizada oficialmente por el Obispo Chris Thompson. El Señor ha estado bendiciendo esta iglesia hispana en Wilmington y agradecemos profundamente al pastor James Young y sus miembros por todo el apoyo brindado para que esta nueva congregación se haya establecido y exista hoy como una obra que promete mucho para la gloria de Dios.

Por Que Creo Que Debemos Alcanzar la Comunidad Hispana Para Cristo

- Son criaturas que necesitan oír y recibir el evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Marcos 16:15
- Forman parte de ese "mundo" que Dios ama y por el cual envió a su Hijo unigénito. Juan 3:16
- Es un campo blanco listo para ser cosechado para el reino de Dios. Juan 4:35
- Es una puerta que Dios ha abierto a la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte para ministrar a un grupo étnico que necesita sobre todas las cosas a Cristo Jesús. Apocalipsis 3:8
- Es una oportunidad para que el reino de Dios crezca mientras plantamos iglesias, alcanzamos a los perdidos y discipulamos a los creyentes.
- Porque cumplimos así la gran comisión de Hechos 1:8 "mientras somos testigos en nuestra Jerusalén, lo somos también en Judea y Samaria.
- Porque hacemos la voluntad de Dios y cumplimos con Su deseo de predicar y hacer discípulos a todo el mundo. Mateo 28:19
- Porque la familia de Dios es una sola y trabajamos para lograr esa meta de Dios. Aunque nos dividen el idioma y algunas costumbres culturales, nos unen el hecho de adorar al mismo Dios, servir al mismo Cristo, tener el mismo Espíritu e ir todos al mismo cielo.

Great Information About the Hispanic Ministry

In this month's publication, I feel the need to share some very good aspects about the Hispanic Ministry of our conference, and I believe they are worth praising God for, since He is the only One who make it possible for these things to happen. We are His instruments, but He is the One that is able to do the part we cannot do. Psalm 66:1-2 says, "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious." We praise God for His provision, strength, grace, faithfulness, power, and His wonderful plans for His Church. God is good, all the time. We celebrate the next accomplishments and great victories in the Hispanic Ministry in the North Carolina Conference.

Rivers of Living Waters Church

Let's talk about the Rivers of Living Waters Church in Turkey. This congregation was established by Pastor Gonzalo Cobarrubias in 1995; following this, in 2003 it was taken by Pastor Carlos Carrillo, who worked with the church until January 2006. In April 2006, Pastor Jose Cruz, a member of the same congregation whom God called to the ministry, with his wife and his three children, was installed as pastor of the church. Since that moment Pastor Jose Cruz has being doing a great work; the church has being grow under his ministry, and one of the greatest accomplishments for them was that in November 2006 they were able to buy more than five acres of land in Turkey. In June of this year they left the building they were renting and went to the property and continued their worship services under a tent they improvised by themselves. With a loan from the Loan Fund of the conference, they paid off their land and will be starting to build a church building with the capacity to hold 300 people. Praise be to God. See insert photos about this great testimony.

Prince of Peace Church

The Prince of Peace Church is another great testimony of praise to our Lord. This church was founded in February 1999 by Pastor Juan Montes, his wife, Maria, and his four children. After all the years they were located in Hwy 701 in the same building, renting for nine years in the city of Newton Grove, today the Lord has given them precious land of more than three acres with a church building with a capacity of 150 people, a house, and other premises on the same land. With a loan from the Church Loan Fund of the conference, they took the decision to buy this great property located on Hwy 13, and then took the step of faith that they really needed to continue worshiping God now in their own place. Glory be to God. We congratulate Rev. Juan Montes and his congregation for this great progress.

Christian Church of Wilmington

The Christian Church of Wilmington was established in May 2006 by Pastor Edgar Perez, his wife, and his children. The church has grown to the present with more than 40 people attending their services. The past June 2, this church was organized officially by our Bishop Chris Thompson. The Lord has been blessing this church in Wilmington, and we express our gratitude to Pastor James Young and his members for all the support they have given to make possible this new congregation, and today we can see that this church represents a great potential for the Glory of God.

Why I Believe That We Need to Reach the Hispanic Community

- They are creatures who need to hear and receive the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 16:15
- They belong to this "World" that God loves and for whom He sent His only begotten Son. John 3:16
- The Hispanic community is a field already white for harvest to the Kingdom of God. John 4:35
- It is a door that God has opened for the North Carolina Conference to minister to an ethnic group that needs, over all things, the Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 3:8
- It is a great opportunity for the Kingdom of God to grow, while we are planting new churches, reaching the lost, and discipling the believers.
- In this way we are obeying the Great Commission of Acts 1:8 – "While we are witnessing in Jerusalem, we also are witnessing in Judea and Samaria at the same time."
- We are making the will of God and fulfilling His desire to preach and make disciples to the entire world. Matthew 28:19
- The family of God is only one, and we are working to accomplish this goal of God. Though we are divided by language and some cultural customs, still we are united by the fact that we worship the same God, we serve the same Jesus, we have the same Holy Spirit, and we are going to the same heaven.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. James W. Gill

Went to Heaven... June 25, 2007

Where Are They Now...?

Frank and Betty Gentry

Standing around a campfire in the "pecan grove" during the 1967 Falcon Youth Camps, Frank Gentry got his first glimpse at what goes on in this conference. His wife, Betty, was brought up in the old 7th Street PH Church (now Sanford First) in Sanford. They met at Holmes Bible College and married in 1960. God has given them two wonderful children, Wanda and Randy. Frank was a member of the Virginia Conference and was pastoring a PH Church in Orange, VA. However, while he was visiting us, Superintendent J. Doner Lee suggested he give consideration to joining our conference; he did and joined in 1967. Together they have pastored six churches. Their longest pastorate was at Greenville First for 20 years. Both have served on various conference boards and committees. Rev. Gentry served eight years on the Conference Board. Each has suffered the loss of a parent in recent months. Their son, Randy, has struggled with cancer for about five years, but continues to fight the disease in Jesus' name every day. They are much involved in ministry at the Greenville First Church, teaching, preaching, and filling in where needed. This couple's 47 years of ministry has impacted many lives and won hundreds to the Lord. Rev. Gentry has recently been appointed to the Holmes Bible College Board, an honor well deserved and a responsibility he can well manage.

"Bill" and Ina Dunning

William Dunning is not a loud, clamorous, emphatic, insistent person – that is, until he stands up to preach! Then this meek-mannered, gentle, humble servant of God stands with authority to declare the Word of the Lord! He and his wife, Ina, whom he married in 1950, have served the Lord faithfully since God saved him in 1954 at the Windsor PH Church. He joined the conference in 1963, and for all their ministry years, Bill and Ina have preached and sung in mostly small churches like Plymouth, Hamilton, Windsor, Belhaven, and Weldon. What has distinguished Bill is his reputation as "a pastor with a pastor's heart." For five years he and Ina have enjoyed preaching at the Wakelon PH Church on Sunday mornings. They love the fellowship they have with the people at Wakelon, Windsor, and Williamston First PH Church. Bill has a beautiful garden and is most generous to his friends and neighbors. Even though their health is not what it was in years past, they are able to do about what they desire. Ina says, *"We stay busy and try to stay out of trouble."* They consider themselves "blessed" in every way.

Camp Meeting in Falcon

Recently all of us have received notice and a brochure of the 2007 Camp Meeting in Falcon. When we received ours, my wife, Jean, began telling me of her childhood when her mother and father, Rev. and Mrs. W. Harvey Morris, brought the entire family to Falcon to attend the camp meeting. She remembered when they rented a room in the Amelia Reed House (now Mrs. E. R. Dunning's home) and at other times in the Hudson house (now a daycare for children). Strong in her memories were the lemonade stands just across the road from the Tabernacle, where now stands the conference office and the Culbreth Memorial parsonage. Though she was just a young child, she can remember the singing, the praying, and the shouts of victory and rejoicing of the saints of God. All of this and more, not to mention the hot, humid weather, pine shavings on the floor, no air conditioning, and the gnats for which this area is famous.

However, overshadowing all of the inconveniences, ***hearts hungry for God called out to Him, and God gave revival.*** In spite of all the physical changes that have taken place all around us, the formula for revival is still the same (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The following poem was written by our deceased fellow minister and friend, **Rev. N. Doner Lucas**. Doner captures in poetic form what camp meeting was like to him when he was a child growing up in Falcon I thought you would enjoy reading it.

CAMP MEETING DAYS

Verse 1

I remember the old camp meeting days, when I was just a lad.
Folks would shout and have a Holy Ghost time; so would Mom and Dad.
People would come from far and near, just to have a part
Of those good old camp meeting days, when God would bless their heart.

Chorus:

Lord, what has happened to camp meeting, when you would save the lost?
You'd sanctify believers; they'd pray through to Pentecost.
No one seemed to be in a hurry, as to God they offered Praise.
How I long to be in another one of those old camp meeting days.

Verse 2

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," a song that we would sing.
"When We All Get to Heaven," "Victory in Jesus," "In Our Hearts a Melody Rings,"
Blessed Assurance," "Jesus Saves," "Lord, Have Thine Own Way"
Are the songs that lifted and thrilled our souls in the old camp meeting days.

Verse 3

When I have finished my journey down here, and my body is laid to rest,
I'll be going to that city where we never grow old, to live with the saved and blessed.
I can hear the music of celestial choirs, as I stand in the Glory Land way.
I'll join in the singing and thank my God for the old camp meeting days.

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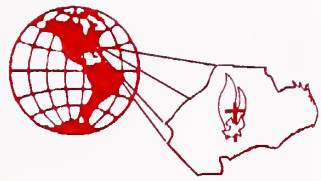

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

EVANGELISM

We are now well into the second half of 2007, with many local activities and promotions under way. This year promises to be great in the North Carolina Conference. There are quite a number of new churches being birthed and a number of reports of revivals taking place and the "spirit" of revival in our churches. In order to reap the Harvest, there must be genuine revival among our congregations. At times there is the temptation to rely on how effective an impression we can make as a congregation. Though first impressions are important, there is, in my thinking, an even greater question to be asked – Are my life and my church making an "impact" on the surrounding community? Could we as a movement be accused of "turning the world upside down" as the followers of our Lord were accused of doing in Acts 17? We are living in perilous times; however, these are the greatest days of opportunity that the church has ever faced. Never have the words of our Lord that are our theme for 2007 been truer: ***"Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"*** I stated in July's article that the burden to mother/plant churches is taking hold in our conference. Healthy churches ought to reproduce themselves, and Eastern North Carolina is ripe for harvest. I am praying in obedience to our Lord's directive in Matthew 9:38, that He would send out laborers into *His* harvest. The focus of my prayers is that God would "thrust out" church planters and commission pastors and churches to mother a church in another community or area.

I am also praying that the Spirit of Revival and Spiritual Renewal will grip our existing congregations. I am praying that the attitude of material and financial prosperity and the spirit of apathy and lethargy that they can bring would be rooted out of our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Yes, we must have new churches planted/mothered, and we must have principles taught, such as the "Model Church Strategy"; but without genuine revival and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit brought about by effectual fervent praying, all of our efforts will fall into the category of "religious achievement." The truths of God's eternal Word are being questioned and doubted even by evangelicals, and we must preach it, teach it, and stand on its truths because it is the truth of God's Word both declared and lived out that will change America and our world.

In Evangelism Ministries, we want to put into your hands the tools to help your church grow and to plant/mother churches. The "Model Church Strategy" is such a tool, and on April 17-19, 2008, we will make available to you another tool for Church Planting/Mothering. **"City Quest"** will be coming to Falcon at that time. I urge you – pastor, leader, church planter – to put that date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

Also, as we approach the time to be planning for 2008, there is a vital need for a fellowship of church planters. By the end of 2007, we want to put together plans and initiate the process of getting church planters together to mentor, encourage, and strengthen one another in the vital calling of church planting. This is a matter I encourage you to pray about with me as we bring this goal to pass.

Pastor, leader, I want to challenge you – let's "turn the world upside down"; let's *impact* lives for eternity!

MISSIONS:

- Each month, as we view the reports of church involvement and of financial support of World Missions Ministries, we are excited and encouraged. There is growing concern and financial support for missions in our conference. Through May 2007, as compared to May 2006, we are now at plus-15%. To God be the glory, and to you I thank you for your response and participation.

- By the time you read this article, we will either be at the threshold or just past the August 12 Global Outreach Celebration. In faith and confidence I am praising God now and thanking you for reaching and passing our stated goal of $310,000. *To every church, regardless of the amount you've given, I say, "Thank you!"* It is my continuing goal that *every church* be a part of this great opportunity to share in the Harvest. Again, I say, "When every *pastor* participates, we'll have 100% involvement."

- This conference will soon be the first conference to cross the $2,000,000 mark in total Missions giving. That will be great achievement to God's glory. The North Carolina Conference is made up of 28,000-plus great members. Pastors, we want to challenge, inspire, and allow all of our people to participate in the cause, the calling to be a part of the Global Harvest. I challenge you as pastors to be sure you have local Missions directors in place. See to it that they are trained, know their job description, and "turn them loose" to promote Missions. When all pastors allow just one monthly 10-15 minute segment in a morning worship setting for the promotion of Missions, they will be amazed at what God can do through their people and what a blessing it will be to the ministry of the local church.

- We have several Missions events planned for 2008; one of our plans is to have a "one night" (2 to 2½ hours) training session in each district for pastors and local Missions directors to better equip them to promote Missions on the local level. As we approach 2008, you will receive information concerning these training sessions.

- At the present time, we have several missionaries traveling/itinerating in our conference:
  - *Darryl and Bonnie Clowers*
  - *Roy and Phyllis Roy*
  - *Betty Rogers*
  - *David and Twilla Sasser*

In the fall a couple more will arrive as some of these listed above go back to the mission field. Praise God for new missionary candidates! We presently have three new missionary couples who are in the candidacy process.

God is truly Lord of His Harvest, and He is calling and thrusting out laborers not only on the home front but on the Global front as well. I challenge you to ***invest in eternity!***

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

To God Be the Glory Great Things He Has Done!

by Charles Boyd, CEM Director

This summer, Falcon Youth Camp was truly the place to be. While other conference youth camps are declining, and other denominations' youth camps are canceling due to lack of registration, we saw over 100 more students come to Falcon Youth Camp this summer than in previous years.

God really moved in powerful ways. Numerous campers give their lives to the Lord. We had students sanctified and baptized in the Holy Spirit for the first time. We even had a good number of elementary-aged kids called into ministry! Our evangelists were all especially sensitive to the Word that was needed and allowed the Lord really to work through them. During middle school camp, our evangelist, Brian Rogers, made the commitment to go full-time in ministry and lose the "safety net" of his secular job. Our students responded with a love offering to get him started. Our students were *very* generous with their giving. The offerings for Camp Freedom totaled over $1,300!

Throughout the year, I try to tell you how exciting and dynamic (imagine me saying this!) Falcon Youth Camp is. But you must truly see it for yourself. Please prayerfully consider *now* how you, especially our men, can be a part of Falcon Youth Camp. I know I can get in trouble beginning to thank people for their help at this year's camp, but I feel there are a few who truly need public recognition:

- Mr. Kent Flowers, for the use of his paintball materials.
- Pastor Tommy Chester, for the use of his skateboard park.
- The Capital Church, for their video crew and the use of their church bus.
- Culbreth Memorial Church, for the use of the church van for pool runs to my gracious next-door neighbor, John Wheeler.
- Miss Sarah Salter, for assistance before, during, and after camp.
- Larry Ward, for the use of his horses.

Most of all, I want to thank my kids for their patience to put up with grumpy old Dad during Falcon Youth Camp. But I especially want to thank my wife, Laura. To me, she was the backbone of camp this year!

Whittle-Do the Clown with Alpha Campers

High School Camp 2007

Upcoming Fall Events in Church Education Ministries

Youth Night at Camp Meeting
August 11, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.
Speaker: Lee Wilson

Family Fun Day at Kings Dominion
August 18, 2007

Children's Ministry Seminar
August 24-25, 2007

Fresh Fire
September 28-30, 2007
Speaker: Michael Rowan

For more information on all events, please see our website at www.nccem.net or call our office at (910) 980-1162!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays
August/September 2007

Kenneth Tart	8/04/1935
W. H. Tyson	8/04/1929
Edsel Hooks	8/09/1930
W. G. Batten	8/10/1911
J. H. Norton	8/18/1922
Margaret Horrell	8/19/1930
T. H. Godwin	8/20/1923
H. P. Woodard	8/22/1924
Joe Arthur	8/26/1936
W. V. Denning	8/26/1924
Reuben Mosley	8/31/1940
W. M. Cordon	9/01/1921
George Weaver	9/05/1933
Vernon Clark	9/06/1922
Johnie Pollard	9/13/1926
William Wooten	9/14/1935
Ralph Jernigan	9/15/1929
Hill Teachey	9/17/1935
Jimmy C. Williams	9/17/1933
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TOGETHER!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

THEME FOR 2008 TOGETHER!

God is *together* in oneness and essence. "God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion…" (Genesis 1:26, italics added). It is God's will that His children be *together*. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it *together*: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isaiah 40:5, italics added). He gives special blessings and anointings when His disciples are *together*. "When they therefore were come together…" (Acts 1:6). "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

One might ask, Can His disciples come together? Can the churches come together? The Lord Jehovah asked the priest/prophet Ezekiel this question: "Can these bones live?" The prophet answered, "You know!" He then obeyed and prophesied to the bones. There was a noise, and behold a shaking, and then the bones came together. Togetherness can be achieved. It is His will. He will provide! All disciples have to do is obey!

Coming together – What a thought! Consider these statements: Working together precedes winning together! A team is many voices with a single heart! "All your strength is in union, all your danger is in discord…" (Longfellow). Collaboration is multiplication. There is no "I" in together. If you get along, others will go along. "There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves" (Lyndon Johnson).

The Lord took scattered bones (very dry) in the valley and made a mighty army, but through the prophet's obedience, in Ezekiel 37. Now rethink for a moment the book of Acts. The Lord initiated events and experiences that were multicultural, international, interracial, and intergenerational, and most importantly, they were transformed.

How can "together" happen? First, we must experience Christ. We must live and lead like Jesus. Jesus came into the world to be our atonement, but He also came as a model for us. Consider these points of His example to us:

1. God's Favor (Luke 3:22).
2. Full of the Holy Spirit/Led by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1).
3. Guided by the Word of God (Luke 4:4).
4. Had the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:14).
5. Had an intercultural focus (Luke 4:25-27).
6. Had an authority in teaching, deliverance, and healing (Luke 4:32, 35-36, 38-39).
7. Had a vision for those who had not heard the good news (Luke 4:43).
8. Worked with an interdependent/cooperative team partnership, the disciples (Luke 5-6)

These points come from Dr. Grant McClung.

Let us review for a moment. Consider Jesus' mission statement. He came to:

Subdue the works of the devil – 1 John 3:8.
Seek and save lost sinners – Luke 19:10.
Serve as a serving leader – Mark 10:45.
Secure eternal salvation – John 10:10.
Sanctify and separate – Titus 2:14.
Send His disciples and followers – John 20:21.
"Spiritize" – anoint, empower – Acts 2:32-33.

After we have experienced Christ and in His fullness, we must learn to "express." The Gospel is to be verbally expressed with the expectation of a verdict on the part of the listener. There must be a use of the mouth. The disciples of Jesus must proclaim.

George Peters asks this question: "What if Jesus had silently walked the paths of Galilee or the streets of Jerusalem? What if he had only demonstrated the love of God and the compassion of His own heart, but had never proclaimed and experienced the motive, meaning, and purpose of His life, service, death, and resurrection? What if He had never informed us of the nature and mind of God?"

Jesus did proclaim. He said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom" (Luke 4:43-44). So must we. We must express.

Evangelism saves people not only from dying without Christ, but also from living without him.

Evangelist Luis Palau gives us this word of the importance of expression. "The people of this world create the problems of this world. If we can lead them to Christ, we will create a climate for other positive, practical changes to take place… Conversion leads to the greatest social action. As people's lives are changed, they are different in their families, in their jobs, and in society."

With these two thoughts in mind – experiencing Him and expressing Him, let us get back to our primary theme – Come together! Clergy and laity should come together. Remember He gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry. The saints (including clergy) do ministry.

The youth and adults should come together. The youth have the enthusiasm and faith. The adults have the experience and resources.

Men and women should come together. He poured out His Spirit on all flesh.

Evangelism should lead to the meeting of social concerns. Our number one job is to evangelize, yes, but there are other responsibilities as well. We should work to make the society better. Remember Acts 6 and the appointment of the first deacons.

Worship and preaching should come together. They are not in competition. The choices of our music should come together. It is a choice, not life and death, not heaven and hell.

Races should come together. All men are to be saved. I believe churches should reflect the communities in which they live. New churches enter into this. This is why we need new churches.

Mission and reality should be inseparable. What we say should be what we do.

The pastor and his staff should be together. This is not multivision or division; it is one vision and one purpose.

The young clergy and older clergy should flow together. Their calling is one calling. They have the same captain. They are in the same army.

So it goes. Many other items could be mentioned. The Lord is calling His people to "get it together." It is time! He is calling His disciples – To Get Her, the church, into the center of His will. Come together!

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Reverend Vincent Lee Moore

September 30, 1955 – July 13, 2007

Age 51 Years

On Friday, July 13, 2007, at a little past noon, my friend and pastor, Vince Moore, slipped over to meet the Lord. He had been searching for 12 days to find a place to cross. He found that place. Today he is rejoicing in heaven and perhaps signing in that heavenly choir.

Brother Moore had suddenly been told 12 days earlier that he had 5 to 10 days to live. Cancer had laid a trap for him. However, the disease did not win. Vince lived his final days with victory, peace, and ministry. Death had no victory over him. It just became a vehicle to a higher promotion.

Brother Moore was saved in 1976. Two years later, he married Susie on March 8, 1978. These were the two greatest decisions of his life. He leaves behind his wife of nearly 30 years and sons Michael and Kenneth and their families.

I first met Vince Moore in the fall of 1986. He was assisting Reverend Ray Faircloth in the planting of the Harvest Fellowship Church in Shallotte. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a singer and, my, could he sing! He has blessed me many times with his songs.

Brother Moore received his local church minister's certificate in 1987. He was licensed by the North Carolina Conference in 1990 and ordained in 2001. In 1989 he was the founding pastor of the Sonlight Church in the Hotte Reality Building in Leland, NC. He remained as pastor there until 1993. He led them in getting their first building.

He pastored several other churches: Saint Matthew, 1993-1994; Washington, 1994-1997; Red Springs, 1997-1998; Thomas Chapel, 1998-2002; Brocks Chapel, 2002-2006; Evangel, 2006 to his death. While at Washington, he led the church in relocating and in the building of a new church. The name of the church was changed to Graceway.

Vince Moore was a good pastor. He loved the Lord and loved the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was faithful. In addition to pastoring, he served on the district leadership units of two of the districts.

His celebration service was held on Monday, July 16, at the Wilmington First Church. His grandmother had been a charter member of that church. Reverend Raymond Faircloth, Reverend Danny Nelson, and I spoke at the service and graveside. Vince's dad furnished the special singing, and Vince himself, by way of tape, sang his testimony at the grave. Reverend Ray Faircloth, Jr., furnished the music. This was a celebration service. His final resting place was in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

I will miss my brother in Christ. He is not lost! I know where he is.

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

September/October 2007

Rev. W. M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy C. Williams	September 17
Rev. Paul C. Jackson	September 17
Rev. Melvin Narron	September 26
Rev. J. Doner Lee	October 2
Rev. J. B. Perry	October 3
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. William Dunning	October 6
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October 13
Rev. Kenneth Dixon	October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Thesbia Byrd	October 15
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner	October 17
Rev. Wayne E. White	October 17
Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles	October 18
Rev. Miss Louise Smith	October 31

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The Grand Weaver: How God Shapes Us Through the Events of Our Lives

by Ravi Zacharias. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 200 pages.

Deism aside, the free will of man and the sovereignty of God have always been sources of polarity for the church, although both must be reconciled as vital components of this thing called life. The role of man and the role of God ultimately must merge into a meaningful whole, called human history and the human future. The Creator exercises authority over His creation and all creatures. The Creator, who transcends our thoughts, possesses full rights and authority to govern His world in accordance to His divine plan. The omniscient God, who sees all things in one entire prospect before Him, has a plan for the present and the future.

Zacharias contends that God has a meticulous and purposeful design for everyone. Life is more than the product of our own efforts. He reveals how every detail of life has been woven into its perfect place. He encourages the reader to examine the background, the disappointments, the triumphs, and the beliefs in a different light, explaining how they are all part of the intentional and perfect work of the Grand Weaver.

Surely the Lord leaves nothing to chance. It is wrong to take away God's right to do as He wills to His universe. It is also wrong to take our God from us. Christians deny the roll of the dice or the influence of "luck." The sovereignty of God allows man's freedom, but man's freedom has boundaries. For example, the Grand Weaver will allow no one to alter the time of the Rapture, or the Day of the Lord. Revelation will not need to be rewritten. The Antichrist, the False Prophet, and Satan eventually shall be cast into the Lake of Fire. King Jesus shall rule and reign forever. There is no corruption after death has been destroyed. God's decrees are unchangeable.

What must we say, then? It is vital for Christians to submit to God's will. Zacharias wrote, "Our will has no power to do God's will until it first dies to its own desires and the Holy Spirit brings a fresh power within." God's desire is for believers to please Him in finding, following, and finishing His will.

The author presents numerous stories of his fascinating life and explains how even the smallest details reveal the hand of God at work. He explains that every thread of our existence is a magnificent work of art, and that every thread matters and has a specific purpose. God is no ordinary weaver. He sees the end from the beginning. Essentially, there is no future with Him. Life is always ever present. Time is under His control. The Grand Weaver has a design in mind for you and me.

Rather than polarizing believers, this great truth ought to give comfort and aid to the troubled mind that may be anxious about the future. If we believe that our birth was in God's hands, and that our death is in His hands, then it seems reasonable that the times in between are in His hands as well. The Lord indeed is the saving strength of His anointed. He desires for all of us to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Praise His holy name!

The author provides an appendix offering answers to 25 key questions relating to such topics as the will of God, morality, calling of God, disciplining the will, and worship to help clarify for the reader who may be struggling with some of the issues included in the main body of the book. This publication is highly recommended for Christian reading.

Unshakable Foundations: Contemporary Answers to Crucial Questions About the Christian Faith

by Norman Geisler and Peter Bocchino. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishing. 413 pages.

Since we can never be too much on our guard against unbelief, the oldest sin in the world, this book is important for such a time as this because truth is very unpopular these days. The battle for truth is as fierce as perhaps at any other time in human history since the fiendish enemy of our souls has some understanding of the brevity of time before the end shall come. Our culture, influenced by relativism and pluralism, is waging war on Christianity by redefining truth and reexamining age-old beliefs such as the canon of Scripture, the omniscience of God, the reality of hell, and the purity of the Lord Jesus Christ, thus providing "alternative views." However, let it be said that true truth is never a matter of personal opinion. Truth is objective, not subjective. The resurrection, for example, does not stand on personal opinion or subjective feelings. It stands on fact, based on God's infallible Word. As William Gurnall wrote, "News may come that truth is sick, but never that it is dead"; therefore, we celebrate the vitality of God's truth in an age of decaying humanistic beliefs. For every Christian, it is absolutely imperative to possess the ability to distinguish between matters of taste and matters of truth. It is time to buy the truth and sell it not. It is time to speak up, for when truth is silent, false views seem plausible.

Serving the Christian population by providing such a valuable reference work, Geisler and Bocchino equip believers to respond to the inevitable disagreements about the Christian worldview and truth. *Unshakable Foundations* examines logic, worldviews, science, macroevolution, law, justice, evil, history, Jesus, ethics, heaven, hell, abortion, euthanasia, biomedical issues, and cloning. Since asking questions never diminishes the truth, there is much material here that can provide reasonable answers to many questions the reader may have about doctrine and ethics.

The book includes 16 chapters and an appendix that provides first principle responses to ethical questions. Numerous charts are also incorporated to help explain and simplify.

As some of our college students prepare for classes this fall, this book would make a great gift, since many will hear "alternative views" of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As Charles Spurgeon once declared, "A thousand errors may live in peace with one another, but truth is a hammer that breaks them all in pieces," so let us reaffirm our commitment to the truth, the unshakable, immutable, infallible truth of God's Holy Word!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"A cheerful heart is good medicine."

(Psalm 17:22)

Power Chicks '07 is now history. During the week of July 27-30, approximately 325 Girls' Ministries sponsors and Missionettes from all over the United States gathered in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina at Ridgeway Conference Center for this first-ever, historic national girls' event.

It was a power-packed three-night, four-day event with lots of activities, breakout sessions, evening services, and a closing celebration rally.

The North Carolina Conference had nine churches attend: First Church Goldsboro, Holly Hill, Kinston First, Lumberton, Northwood Temple, Sharon, Statonsburg, Swan Quarter, and Westmoreland … as well as yours truly.

The mission focus for this event was Project I DO (India Dowry Offering). Hobert and Marguerite Howard have been missionaries to India for 55 years. During many of those years, they cared for two orphanages, Madhupur School and Orphanage and the Jha Jha Boys' Home. Part of their commitment to these children has been their follow-through on wedding customs and obligations in India.

Indian customs require many things from the bride and groom. For these orphans, it has been difficult to provide this "dowry." The Howards stepped up and have provided this need for their "adopted" children. The Howards are responsible for this dowry for a few more orphans. It takes about $2,000 to meet this obligation.

In addition to offerings brought by the groups to the event, we had a bidding war during Power Chicks to raise funds for this project. North Carolina Conference representation gave $1,307.70, making the total raised $4,502.54. Praise the Lord!

It was an absolutely wonderful experience. New friendships as well as great memories were made during these fun-filled days we were together.

The next national event will be held in 2011. It's not too early to start making your plans to attend.

Thank you to our conference Girls' Ministries coordinator, Lydia Mills, and her team. You all did an outstanding job. You are a blessing!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

North Carolina Representation Power Chicks '07

Expressions of Appreciation

Thank you so much for considering me and choosing me for this scholarship. Praise God for His people – I pray that I will do my best for Him – like Abel did. What an honor to belong to Him and to know that there are people in NC supporting me! Thank you again.

In His Love,
Regina Lucas

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This was used during our iWIN Prayer Times at Camp Meeting 2007

Psa. 3:3 "But thou, O Lord, are a shield for me, my glory and the lifter up of mine head."

Monday Prayer Times – 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
August 6, 2007
Let us meditate on what God spoke to us through His servants.

Ask yourself this question:
What is it going to take to lift up my head and be angry enough to do something about it?

- *The will of God will make you mad (have righteous anger, for Kingdom advancement, not self gain).*
- *God has been Faithful to us. Let's give thanks to God for past success.*
- *A time to ask God for more (more of God's presence and glory).*
- *Our head gets lifted when*
  - *We are thankful and have contentment in Him.*
  - *We can see beyond where we are.*
  - *We ask God to let us see what we haven't seen before.*
  - *We delight in His presence, recognize His presence, and remain in Him.*
  - *We are not distracted.*
  - *We are flexible enough to move with God's instructions, even when God changes them.*
  - *We know how to endure pain or suffering.*
  - *We are blinded to self and see clearly the plans of God.*
  - *We follow God blindly.*
  - *We thank God for small progress.*
  - *We can recognize from where God has brought us.*

Pray:
- *God, deliver us from the sin of satisfaction.*
- *God, help us not to cover up for you.*
- *Help us not to compare ourselves to others.*
- *God, help us not to be afraid to ask.*

Pray:
For souls to be won to the Lord and transformed lives.
That God will:
- Anoint speakers and give them divine protection.
- Heal and make whole those that are sick.
- Bless and touch our NC IPHC Board.
- Refresh, anoint, and bless all that attend Camp Meeting.
- Meet all financial needs of Camp Meeting.
- Touch and bless those that could not come.
- Give us revival, visit us, pour out your Holy Spirit anointing and power.

Many great and mighty things took place during Camp Meeting, and we praise God for His holy visitation and answered prayers.

Thank you to all who came to pray this year at Camp Meeting; you made a difference and came out different. BLESSINGS!

Mark Your Calendars!

WIN Prayer Conference

"A Conversation With the Divine"
"Remaining In Him"

November 2 & 3, 2007
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Making History

I didn't realize that I was going to be part of history when I was asked to be the guest speaker at the Vanceboro PH Church on July 29. They were celebrating their first ever Men's Ministries Day, and what a great day it was! I looked back over our conference records. To my knowledge, this is the first time in our conference a Men's Ministries Day has been designated by a local church.

I would like to thank Pastor Patsy Vaughan for allowing me to be there and celebrate with them. I also want to commend the Men's Ministries chapter leader, Brother Ben. He is doing an outstanding job heading the men in the Vanceboro area.

I encourage all churches to follow Vanceboro's example and set aside one day a year for Men's Ministries. It is time that we start recognizing our men and their leaders. Our Men's Ministries program has come a long way, and, men, we need to keep moving forward to build the kingdom of God!

Remember what our mission statement is: Together we will help our local church present every man in our community with a credible offer of the Gospel, encourage them to pursue God, and equip them for spiritual service in the home, church, workplace, community, and world.

It is said better in Matthew 16:24 when Jesus said to His disciples, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Please contact me if you would like assistance in planning a Men's Ministries Day for your church!

Blessings,
Ronnie Basden

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What Will the Next Generation Believe?

Have you ever thought about the next generation and what will concern them? The world in which we live has such an influence on each of us in our everyday lives that we sometimes change without even realizing it. We are bombarded with information in every aspect of our lives. We hear and see commercials on TV and in newspapers or magazines that influence our buying. We are influenced by politicians whether we want to admit it or not. We are influenced by people with whom we come in contact every day. Many groups are vying for our attention in order to influence us toward their viewpoint. So what do we do about this?

From the time we accept Jesus as our Savior we are influenced by the Holy Spirit to live a different life from the one we lived before we were saved. As time goes by, we are faced with other decisions that cause us really to search our hearts for the right answers concerning our faith and relationship with the Lord.

The United States today is much more a melting pot of peoples with an even more diverse mix of opinions and ways of thinking than even 20 years ago. Because of this way of life, many people, even Christians, find themselves being swayed by what is put in front of them. How can we know how we should live and feel about some of these beliefs and ideologies?

If you live in this active and busy world of today, you will find that most of the young people in this generation believe and feel differently about things than you and I do. I guess that's the way it has always been from one generation to the next! This is not all bad.

If you have been in any of the youth services of our churches, you will find young people with sincere and seeking hearts toward God. They enjoy their worship, and we should do likewise. As Christians and servants of the King, we are here to move through this world with love and understanding, and by doing so we will receive many more blessings from God.

We go back to the question, "What will the next generation believe? This is a complex question because this world is so complex.

The idea comes to us, What do we want the next generation to believe? What are the most important values we can pass on? Needless to say, we want them to understand that the only way to be saved from our sin is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection from the grave! Many people today believe they only have to be a good person and they will go to heaven, but Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

There are also the cardinal doctrines of our church, which are taken from the Bible. I believe the most important thing anyone can do is to pray earnestly for wisdom and direction and then study the Word of God.

Let us encourage our young people with all the breath in us! We need to be their greatest cheerleaders. We need to be thankful they are in church and want to worship and serve the Lord. One of the most important things we can do for them is to support them by being there in the youth services with them or going skating with them, even though we don't skate. Just our being there will let them know we care about them. They will get a chance to know us and learn from us when we make ourselves available.

One thing I learned while working with the public was that a person will go the extra mile for you if you praise him rather than criticize him. You will never get fruit from a withered fruit tree, but if you water and take care of it, then it will bloom and give forth much fruit. Determine that you will be an encourager and not a discourager. God will bless you for it.

We need not get so lost in dreaming of an eternal future that we neglect the immediate future. What preparations are we making for the next generations? The next generations will probably add to the buildings we have built and build even bigger ones. They will probably improve on the way we have planted churches or built Sunday schools.

What do we need to do to prepare them? Judges 2:10 says, "Also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel."

Let us be an example for the generations to follow. Teach those children and grandchildren the way they should go. Teach them to love God more than anything and anybody, and God will keep them. They will have hard times, as we do, because we live in this world, but they will have the assurance that God will be there with them.

Until next time,
Betty T.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Redeeming the Time

What does it mean to redeem the time? Time marches on, and sometimes we have nothing to show for it! God expects us to use our time wisely, whether it is off time or ministry time in our lives. Judges 2:10 reads as follows: "Also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel."

I know I used this scripture for the Ministers' Wives page, but I felt the Lord drawing me to it again. One of the main purposes of having archives is to preserve the history of our church and the men and women that helped to make it what it is today. By preserving these records, we have witness of the Lord's hand upon the lives of the many saints who sometimes sacrificed everything they had to carry the gospel to the world. Because of the lack of good roads and reliable modes of travel back in the early days of our church, many of the ministers of the gospel would be gone from their families for weeks at a time. These ministers would travel to churches and sometimes not even get paid for their labors or travel. But God saw their dedication and faith in Him and always supplied their needs one way or another.

We take so much for granted and tend to complain about the least little thing, but God has a way of reminding us of our need for Him, and thus we become more thankful. Let us give our coming generations the gift of knowing the Lord we serve by letting them know the works He has done for us in this generation and in those that came before us.

In our Archives here in Falcon, we need your stories of instances when God has supplied your needs; we need your funny but true stories of how God blessed your family or the pastor of your church. We need stories of hard times and how God came on the scene and pulled you through. Tell us how your church family or the Ladies' Auxiliary paid off the church note. Tell us how a certain pastor blessed you just by being there at the right time. Tell us the stories your small children came home with because of a dedicated Sunday school teacher. Tell us about the revival that lasted for six weeks and how many were saved, sanctified, filled with the precious Holy Spirit, or baptized in water. Let us know about the damage to the church when Hurricane Fran came through the state back in September 1996.

I remembered the year Fran came through this area because of a little story in our family's life. Fran was coming through Falcon with all of her fury, and Chris and I had decided to get some rest because we couldn't see anything anyway. Chris went on to sleep, but I was lying there in the pitch dark, listening to the deafening sound of the wind and hearing the tree branches and everything else hit the roof! It was about 12:30 a.m., and our son Nathan called. He was in his first year at Emmanuel, and they were in revival at the Franklin Springs Church. Nathan had been earnestly praying, and God called him to preach. Nathan had no idea there was a hurricane, much less that it was passing over us at the time of his call to tell us about what God had done for him! Georgia had clear, starry skies, and Nathan had no worries and was rejoicing in what God had done in his life. Needless to say, it was a memorable night for all of us.

Please send us your stories, and if you have pictures or anything you want to hold on to, we can make copies and send or take them back to you. Please help us!

The Passing of Marvin Howell

Our hearts were saddened with the passing of Brother Marvin Howell from the Bethany Church. Brother Marvin was on our Archives Board and had been for a long time. Brother Marvin loved history, especially his home church's history. He worked hard to prepare a history for the Bethany Church. He not only prepared a history, but he kept adding to it. At his passing on July 21, 2007, I had a manila envelope on my desk with his name on it. It wasn't unusual to get at least two updates a week. His daughter Renée told me there was an envelope to me on his desk at the time of his death. His greatest fear was that the church would not appreciate their history. I pray that someone will take up this man's mantle and keep the history up to date in his name.

We will truly miss Brother Marvin. He sincerely and faithfully loved God. Let us hold up his wife, Doris, and the rest of the family in prayer. He will be sorely missed. May we all be as diligent in our work for the Lord. If you are working on a church history or haven't even started, use this example of a man who wanted his church and all who are a part of it to be remembered.

May God bless!
Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Nuestro Llamado a Expandir el Evangelio

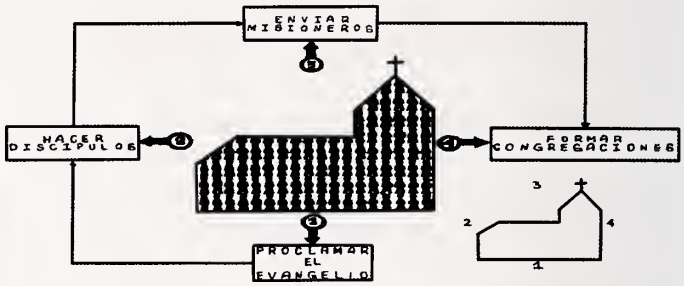
En estos días en que se están recogiendo algunas de las cosechas en Carolina del Norte, es valioso pensar en la siembra del evangelio que debemos hacer con el enfoque de recoger no solo una cosecha de almas en nuestras congregaciones, sino también una cosecha de iglesias nuevas en todo el estado y más allá. Se nos ha enseñado que una de las funciones principales de la iglesia es la tarea de la evangelización. Dios está activo en el mundo por medio del Espíritu Santo a través de Su iglesia. Una manera en que la evangelización del mundo se expresa es a través de la plantación de nuevas iglesias. Cada iglesia local es una célula viviente del cuerpo de Cristo y lleva en si el poder de reproducirse y desarrollarse.

I. El Evangelio y la plantación de iglesias.

La predicación del evangelio exige el plantar iglesias. La semilla que sembramos es la semilla de la Palabra de Dios. Al sembrar lo hacemos con la expectativa de recoger una gran cosecha. Una vez que cosechemos ese fruto precioso de almas salvadas, entonces necesitaremos un granero para colocar el fruto, así es como pensamos en la iglesia. La iglesia es ese granero en donde se reune el fruto de personas nacidas de nuevo; la iglesia nace de la predicación del evangelio.

En Mateo 28:19-20 Jesús dijo: "Id, hagan discípulos, bautícenlos y enséñenles. Todo este proceso requiere que se haga tomando como base la iglesia local. No hay gente salva, si no hay predicación del evangelio, no habrá adoradores si no hay pueblo, no habrá un pueblo si no hay iglesia. Romanos 10:14-15 dice: "Cómo, pues invocarán a aquel en el cual no han creído? Y cómo creerán en aquel de quien no han oído? Y cómo oirán sin haber quien les predique? Y cómo predicarán si no fueren enviados?..." Notará que las respuestas a estas preguntas no son dadas en este mismo pasaje de la Escritura. Las respuestas vienen de la práctica misma de la iglesia: La visión por los perdidos, la pasión por predicarles y la estrategia de formar congregaciones. Es la iglesia quien envía a sus mensajeros para que prediquen, y de esta manera los pecadores oigan, crean e invoquen.

El ciclo de evangelización nos muestra el proceso continuo en el que la iglesia debe estar involucrada y activa, es así como la Gran Comisión se lleva a cabo; en este ciclo de la evangelización esta incluido el plantar iglesias.



Este plantar de iglesias incluye los cuatro pasos para la evangelización de nuestras ciudades y nuestros países: Proclamar el evangelio, hacer discipulos, enviar misioneros y formar congregaciones.

II. La Biblia y la plantación de iglesias

Iglesias siendo plantadas es algo que corre por el Nuevo Testamento y especialmente en el libro de Hechos y las cartas del apóstol Pablo. El derramamiento del Espíritu Santo y la conversión de miles de personas, formaron la iglesia en Jerusalén (Hechos 2:1, 4, 41,47). La iglesia de Jerusalén, años más tarde se proyectó hacia Samaria (Hechos 8:4-5,25) Antioquia (Hechos 8:4, 11:20,21) y Damasco (Hechos 9:2).

Luego vemos que la iglesia de Antioquia envió a Pablo y Bernabé como sus primeros misioneros (Hechos 13:1,3). Estos misioneros predicaron y bautizaron, pero más importante aún, dejaron iglesias plantadas (Hechos 15:41). Luego notamos que el Apóstol Pablo se mudó de una ciudad a otra para predicar el evangelio y plantar iglesias, pero las preparó para que desarrollaran su propio trabajo (Romanos 15:19).

Cuatro veces en Romanos 16, se habla de una iglesia en un lugar o la casa de alguien. Romanos 16:1, 5, 16,23. También se menciona la iglesia en un lugar específico en otros pasajes del Nuevo Testamento como podemos ver en 1 Corintios 16:19; Colosenses 4:15; 1 Pedro 5:13.

El Rev. Danny Nelson dice que una cada iglesia saludable se reproduce a sí misma en otras congregaciones. Le animo a orar por una oportunidad para plantar otra iglesia en su ciudad o más allá de su propia Jerusalén, solo así podremos llenar el estado con el evangelio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Iglesias locales pueden repetir su propia historia en otros lugares al plantar una nueva iglesia, así cumpliremos con la gran comisión.

Actividades por Venir del Ministerio Hispano

Septiembre 12 y 26 ..... Conferencia Distrital Hispana
Septiembre 21 y 22 ..... Congreso de misiones
Octubre 6 ..... Día de entretenimiento pastoral familiar
Octubre 20 ..... Día de oración: "7 Horas de Clamor"
Noviembre 2 y 3 ..... Conferencia sobre la oración WIN
Noviembre 16 y 17 ..... Clases de INE
Noviembre 30 y Diciembre 1 ..... Convención Hispana
Diciembre 7 y 8 ..... Fiestas de navidad para pastores
Diciembre 15 ..... Graduación de INE

Our Call to Expand the Gospel

In these days in which some of the crops are being harvested it is valuable to think about the sowing of the Gospel, which we must do with focus not only on the harvest of souls in our congregations, but also on the harvest of new churches in all the state and beyond. It has been taught to us that one of the main functions of the church is the task of evangelization. God is active in the world by means of the Holy Spirit through His church. One way in which the evangelization of the world is expressed is through the planting of new churches. Each local church is a living cell of the body of Christ and carries within the power to reproduce and to be developed.

I. The Gospel and the Church's Planting

We need to know that preaching the Gospel demands planting churches. The seed that we are sowing is the seed of the Word of God. When we are sowing, we do it with the expectation of gathering a great harvest. Once we harvest that precious fruit of saved souls, then we need a barn in which to place the fruit; thus we think about the church. The church is that "barn" where the fruit of born-again people meet, grow, and learn to love God and serve others; the church is born out the preaching of the Gospel. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus said, "Therefore go, make disciples, baptize and teach them." All this process requires that it be done within the local church. There are no saved people if there is no preaching of the Gospel; there will be no worshipers if there are no people; there will be no people if there is no church.

Romans 10:14-15 (NKJV) says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" If you notice, the answers to these questions are not given in this same passage of Scripture. The answers come from the practice of the church: the vision for lost people, the passion to preach, and the strategy to plan new churches. It is the church that sends its messengers to preach, and it is in this way that sinners will hear, believe, and call upon the Lord Jesus. Evangelization's cycle shows us the continuous process in which the church must be involved and active: this is the way the Great Commission is carried out. This cycle of evangelization includes planting new churches.

Planting churches includes these four steps to evangelize our communities and our country: As you see in the drawing on page 10, number one is to proclaim the gospel; number two is to make disciples; number three is to send missionaries; and number four is to plant congregations.

II. What does the Bible say about planting churches?

Let's just see a small review of what the Bible says about planting churches. Churches being planted are something we see in many parts of the New Testament, especially in the book of Acts and in the writings of the Apostle Paul. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of thousands of people formed the church in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1, 4, 41, 47).

The church in Jerusalem, years later projected towards Samaria (Acts 8:4-5, 25), Antioch (Acts 8:4; 11:20-21), and Damascus (Acts 9:2). Soon we see that the church of Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas as their first missionaries (Acts 13:1, 3). These missionaries preached and baptized, but more importantly, they left churches planted (Acts 15:41). Soon we notice the Apostle Paul was moving from one city to another to preach the Gospel and to plant churches, and he prepared them so they developed their own work (Romans 15:19).

Four times Romans 16 mentions that a church was in somebody's house (Romans 16:1, 5, 16, and 23). Also the church in a specific place is mentioned in other passages of the New Testament (1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15 and 1 Peter 5:13). Rev. Danny Nelson says that if a church is healthy, it reproduces itself into other congregations. I encourage you to pray for an opportunity to plant another church in your own city or beyond its own Jerusalem; only in this way will we be able to fill the state with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Local churches can repeat their own history in other places by planting new churches; thus we will fulfill the Great Commission.

Activities to Come From The Hispanic Ministry

September 12 and 26 ..... District Hispanic Conference
September 21 and 22 ..... Missions Congress
October 6 ..... Family Pastoral day of entertainment
October 20 ..... Day of Prayer (7 hours of Prayer)
November 2 and 3 ..... WIN Prayer Conference
November 16 and 17 ..... INE training
November 30 and December 1 ..... Hispanic Convention
December 7 and 8 ..... Christmas Parties
December 15 ..... Graduation of INE

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Celebrated 84 years 8/20/07

Where Are They Now...?

Harold and Mavis Turpin

Many of us remember when the Turpin name was first added to the rolls of the NC Conference. Originally from Texas and Oklahoma, they all joined the conference at different times, with Harold being the last to join in 1959, transferring from the Texas Panhandle Conference. Shortly after coming our way, Harold met and married Mavis Johnson on Valentine's Day in 1959. In the same year as their marriage, Rev. Turpin was assigned his first church in Verona, NC (his first of 6 pastorates) and continued pastoring until his retirement in 1998. For most of his ministerial life, Harold worked in the insurance business, even operating an insurance agency at one time. His bivocational status permitted him to give quality leadership to several churches which could not afford a full-time minister. His longest and last pastorate was at Selma (15 years), where he led the church in building a beautiful fellowship hall, one of the most commodious in the conference. Since retirement, Rev. Turpin has developed some physical problems affecting his back and knees, making it difficult to walk. The Turpins make their home in Wilson, NC, where Mavis, with the help of daughter Lynne, continues to operate their child care center, while their son Wayne is self-employed. They request your prayers that Brother Turpin will soon be able to get about normally and continue his ministry of preaching.

Clara P. Williams

Clara, wife of our deceased Rev. S. J. Williams, is as "on fire" for the Lord as ever. She writes, "For many years I had a nerve problem called trigeminal neuralgia, a painful condition of the facial nerves requiring strong medicine. I became toxic on my medicine, which caused me to lose my balance. I had several serious falls. I felt it necessary to move to an assisted living facility called Spring Arbor here in Greenville, NC. Soon my doctor put me on a new medicine, and my balance problem disappeared.

"I thought I had moved to Spring Arbor for my own needs, when in fact, God used it as a new door of ministry to a lot of lonely people. I started a weekly Bible study and was asked to play the piano for all services. Workers as well as residents began calling on me for prayer. They would stop me in the hall or call me to someone's room. I led several to the Lord during my one year at the facility.

"I now minister to the residents in a monthly Bible study and often see answers to prayer. At 85 years young, I am still going strong! Praise the Lord and thanks to everyone for your prayers."

The First Church in Goldsboro Honors Ministerial Retirees

(L-R) Top Row – Rev. James McCandless, Mrs. Barbara Eatmon
Middle Row – Rev. W. B. Satterfield, Ms. Sudie McCandless, Mrs. Annie Mae Todd and Rev. Ezra B. Fann
Bottom Row – Mrs. Alice Satterfield, Mrs. Myrtle Hanchey, and Mrs. Donnie Fann

The Women's Ministries Department of the First Church in Goldsboro recently hosted a dinner meeting in honor of its ministerial retirees. This church has an unusually large number of retired ministers, their spouses, and deceased retired ministers' spouses who attend regularly.

Following the dinner and program, WM President Ms. Lisa Taylor presented each honoree with a beautiful gift basket from the Women's Ministries, and the pastor, Rev. Jim Whitfield, gave each a monetary gift from the church. Remembered, but unable to attend were Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Narron and Rev. Margaret and Pete Jarrell. In his comments to them, Rev. Whitfield thanked them for their many years of service in the Kingdom of God and thanked God for every soul that had been won to the Lord through their dedicated and fruitful ministry over the years. He reminded them that the church was blessed just by having them in their midst, that their lives were still producing spiritual fruit, and that they were needed now more than ever!

It was an inspiring evening of fellowship, much appreciated by all who attended.

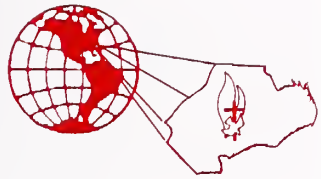
– Plan Now to Attend! –

RETIRED MINISTERS AND SPOUSES

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thursday – December 6
11 o'clock a.m.
Conference Cafeteria/Training Center
Falcon, North Carolina

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



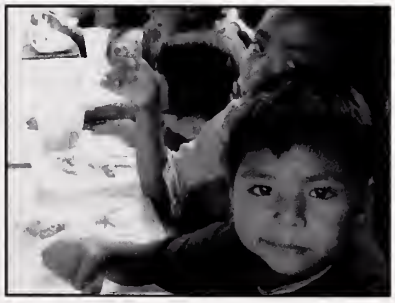
J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

From a Mother's Heart

Wednesday, April 4, 2007— I'm home … back to all the comforts of my home and family. It all looks so different to me now. I have a wonderful husband and two precious girls. I have electricity, central heat and air, clean, running water, carpet, and a relaxing bathtub. I have a comfortable bed with pillows, sheets, and comforter. I have plenty of food in my pantry, refrigerator, and freezer. I have access to medical treatment and medicine. Most of the people I know live comfortably, and our church's children's department has plenty of supplies. I had to ask God to forgive me today for the times I complained, as the nursery coordinator, that the air conditioner was not working. I was upset that the babies, the workers, and I were sweating.

I also had to ask God today, "Why me, God? Why did you choose for me to live in the United States and bless me with the comforts of my home?" My heart was overwhelmed with emotions as I reflected back to my seven days spent in Lima, Peru, on the first People to People (PTP) "Visit the Vision" trip. This ministry trip gave diverse, multigenerational women and mothers the incredible privilege to minister to women, mothers, and children in Peru. We visited 80 unchurched homes. We gave them vitamins, infant Tylenol, Advil, and parasite medication. We also gave them toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and lots of hugs and kisses. As privileged U.S. citizens, we humbly laid our hands on these impoverished families and prayed for God's blessings and healing power to overshadow them and their homes. We prayed for salvations and miracles.



The Visit the Vision team participated in the first feeding station in Peru. PTP fed 100 children for $50 (that's 50¢ per child). The children listened intently to the Bible story of the five loaves and two fish. After the story time, we watched as they quietly ate the chicken and rice prepared for them. It was amazing; not one child said, "I don't like this. I want chicken nuggets."

The team of women participated in the preparation and delivery process of the $20 a month PTP child sponsorship ministry. The child being sponsored, the mother, and sometimes the child's siblings came to the church. The child received medical attention, vitamins, school supplies, haircuts, a T-shirt, and yellow bags full of food! We loved on the mothers and children. We prayed for the families and played games with the children outside. The greatest highlight was to see the big smiles on the faces of the children and mothers as they walked out of the church holding their bags of "life-food"!

Another highlight was to see the same children in the PTP sponsorship program in church on Sunday, smiling as they were learning about the giver of life: Jesus Christ. One faithful lady stood before the children and, through teaching God's Word from the Bible, praise and worship in song and dance, games, and an art activity, she faithfully distributed spiritual food to each child.

It was amazing to see the difference that 65¢ a day made in the life of a child and family. I decided I could do without a Coke, candy bar, or bag of chips and sponsor a child or two. I had always given change in the offering plate at church, but now it was not enough. A greater sacrifice would be required. People to People had now become very real to me. The ministry was real. The children and mothers were real. The smiles were real, as well as the tears. My team of four ministered to a baby girl in the unchurched village. She was about the age of my 20-month-old baby girl—same hair, same eyes, same complexion, same fever, same possible ear infection, same tears. The difference—my baby lives in a dry house and sleeps in a warm bed. My baby has a pediatrician and plenty of infant Tylenol, cool teething rings, and Orajel. I looked at the beautiful mother holding her crying baby. I felt the baby's head, and I recognized the high fever. My tears started welling up in my eyes. We gave the mother some infant Tylenol drops that my 3-year-old bought for me to take to "all the sick babies in Peru." We prayed for the Great Physician to heal

the baby girl and to take away her fever and teething pain and heal her body. I will never forget her tears and my tears as I walked out of her tiny home with dirt floors.

The mothers we met love their children just like we love our children. Most of the children were running around, playing games, and laughing just like our children. I realized that a mother's heart is the same regardless of where in the world the mothers live.

I realized, too, that I shared the same mother's heart as the mothers we met in Peru. In my heart, my desire is for my baby girls to be happy, healthy, safe, fed, and clothed and to know Jesus as their personal Savior. These mothers in Peru desire the same things for their children. However, many live in poverty and have limited resources. People to People Ministries provides the resources. Why have I been blessed? Why have you been blessed? The answer: to bless others! I challenge you, your family, and your church to become active participants in People to People Ministries today! Don't wait! It's real! You can have the humble experience of blessing others with the gift of life. May God give each of us wisdom and direction as we work together to build God's Kingdom and fulfill the Great Commission.

Shelly Boyette
The Capital PH Church
Raleigh, NC

GLOBAL OUTREACH UPDATE

As of August 15, we have received (in offerings and pledges)

$291,000

Praise God! And thank you to those who have participated. Please get your pledges in as quickly as possible.

However, 70 of our churches have not reported an offering or goal. Pastors and local Missions directors, we need your participation! Please call the World Missions Department at the conference office today with your pledge. With 100% participation, we WILL reach and surpass our goal of $310,000 by December 31!

2007 MISSIONS F.E.S.T.S.

Thursday, October 4
New Covenant PH
New Bern, NC

Friday, October 5
Living Faith Fellowship PH
Rocky Mount, NC

Saturday, October 7
Cafeteria/Training Center
Falcon, NC

Plan to be a part of this training event. Important information will be shared and distributed, as well as strategy planned for 2008! A meal will also be provided to those present. I urge every pastor and local Missions director to attend, and encourage you to bring a guest with you who has a passion for Missions. Please call Nicole at the conference office and reserve your seat at one of these events!

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Spotlight on Bible Quest

Of the 28 ministries under the CEM umbrella, one of the most rewarding by far is the Bible Quest program. Bible Quest encourages our children to study God's Word—hiding it in their hearts so they are prepared to apply it to their lives. Our desire in Church Education Ministries is that each church would see the benefit in this program. My prayer is that an adult in each church would rise up with the hunger and passion to walk with their youth into the Bible Quest adventure. In 2008, they will be studying the books of Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. I am also excited to announce that Rev. Patsy Vaughan will carry the Bible Quest portfolio on the NC CEM Board. If you have any questions about Bible Quest, please feel free to contact our office at (910) 980-1162 or cem@nc.rr.com. To order materials for the youth in your church, please call LifeSprings Resources at 1-800-541-1376. And now, I would like to share with you a few thoughts from one of our Bible Quest coaches, Heather Hall of Benson PHC:

While some people are blessed with the talent of singing, and others are blessed with talent for acting, some of us are blessed with the gift of memorization. We at Benson PH Church sharpen our skills of memorization by competing in Bible Quest.

Each year we are given a New Testament book(s) to study thoroughly with preset questions. This past year's book was Acts. We studied hard and participated in practice tournaments with Oak Ridge and Culbreth Memorial. As teen division winners at the conference level, we decided to go on to nationals.

On Tuesday, July 17 in Greensboro, we checked in for the roll call. There were six teams competing this year in Bible Bowl. We went undefeated in the four games we played. It was only our second time competing at nationals, and we were going home as National Champs!

Zachary Williams, Melissa Williams, and Leigh Ann Ivey were excited to walk across the stage to receive their medallions as team winners for Bible Bowl. Zachary also received a medallion for being the individual high scorer, with an average of 65 points per game.

The next day all three competed in Power Play, which is an individually played competition based on 10-point questions. Each of them advanced to the second round. Melissa actually went on to win it all. She received her own medallion on Wednesday for being the Alpha Power Play champion.

As a former quizzer and past National Bible Quest winner, I fully understand the importance of learning the Bible. It has a great impact on the lives of young people. Hiding the word of God in our hearts is something no one will ever be able to take from us. It will always be with us even when we may not be able sing or play or act. I would encourage any church, large or small, to get involved with Bible Quest. After all, what do you have to lose?

Benson PHC Bible Quest Team

Congratulations to all NC Conference Fine Arts Participants!

1.1 Vocal Solo – Female (Alpha)	Katie Tyndall	1st Place
1.1 Vocal Solo - Female (Omega)	Traci Antinucci	2nd Place
1.2 Vocal Solo – Male (Omega)	Joshua Faircloth	2nd Place
2.1 Vocal/Instrumental Solo (Alpha)	Katie Tyndall	2nd Place
2.2 Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	Servants for Christ Praise Team	3rd Place
3.1 Vocal Ensemble (Duets, etc.)	Lauryn Young & Lindsay Gaddis	1st Place
3.2 Vocal Ensemble (5-12)	Servants for Christ Treble Ensemble	1st Place
3.3 Vocal Ensemble (13+)	Capital Youth Choir	1st Place
4.1 Instrumental Solo – Wind (Alpha)	Katie Tyndall	1st Place
4.1 Instrumental Solo – Wind (Omega)	Brad Weatherington	1st Place
4.3 Instrumental Solo – Strings (Alpha)	Taylor Stallings	3rd Place
4.5 Instrumental Solo – Percussion (Alpha)	Connor Young	2nd Place
4.5 Instrumental Solo – Percussion (Omega)	Nathan Purifoy	1st Place
4.6 Keyboard Solo (Alpha)	Teresa Eason	2nd Place
6.2 Short Sermon (Alpha)	Mary Cate Duffy	2nd Place
6.2 Short Sermon (Omega)	Paul Ingram	3rd Place
6.3 Drama – Audible, Individual (Alpha)	Dewaine Harris	1st Place
6.3 Drama – Audible, Individual (Omega)	Lindsay Gaddis	2nd Place
6.4 Drama – Audible, 2 or more	Destined Drama Team	2nd Place
6.4 Drama – Audible, 2 or more	Dewaine Harris & Beck Thomas	3rd Place
6.5 Drama – Inaudible, Individual (Alpha)	Michael West	1st Place
6.6 Drama – Inaudible, 2 or more	Lifeguard Drama Team	1st Place
6.7 Drama – Pantomime, Individual (Alpha)	Adam Stedman	1st Place
6.7 Drama – Pantomime, Individual (Omega)	Sarah Whittenton	2nd Place
6.9 Dance – Classical, Individual (Alpha)	Sarah Stallings	1st Place
6.9 Dance – Classical, Individual (Omega)	Caroline Pugh	2nd Place
6.10 Dance – Classical, 2 or more	Jessica Alford & Courtney Haire	1st Place
6.11 Dance – Contemporary, Indiv. (Omega)	Tres Tew	3rd Place
6.12 Dance – Contemporary, 2 or more	Capital Dance Team	1st Place
6.12 Dance – Contemporary, 2 or more	Tres & Kristin Tew	3rd Place
7.1 Creative Arts – Painting (Alpha)	Holley Roberson	1st Place
7.2 Creative Arts – Graphics (Alpha)	Kalyn Dozier	1st Place
7.2 Creative Arts – Graphics (Omega)	Kaitlyn Elkins	3rd Place
7.3 Creative Arts – 3D Art (Alpha)	Christina Smith	3rd Place
7.4 Creative Arts – Photography (Omega)	Courtney Novrocki	1st Place
7.4 Creative Arts – Photography (Omega)	Aaron Purifoy	3rd Place
7.5 Creative Arts – Fabricated Art (Alpha)	Nicole Novrocki	1st Place
7.7 Creative Arts – Website Design (Alpha)	Adam Stedman	1st Place
8.3 Creative Writing – Poetry (Alpha)	Kayla Hill	1st Place
9.1 Video	Dive Deep Productions	1st Place
10.1 Rap (Alpha)	Reid Clark	2nd Place
10.1 Rap (Omega)	Miles Devane	1st Place

For a complete list of participants, please see our website at www.nccem.net!

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Falcon Children's Home New Superintendent: Joseph Leggett

Recently, Superintendent Elwood Long of the Falcon Children's Home announced his resignation as superintendent. Brother Long had accepted the pastorate of the Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church. Brother Long has served faithfully and successfully as superintendent for the last seven years. He has done an excellent job.

The Children's Home Executive Board has conducted a prayerful search for a new superintendent. Eight individuals were interviewed. A candidate was chosen and nominated to the full Children's Home Board. The board in turn approved the candidate and nominated him to the General Board of Administration of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The General Board of Administration elected the candidate. That candidate is Joseph T. Leggett of Clinton, North Carolina. He began work on October 15.

Brother Leggett is well qualified for the position. He has served for the last eight years as the administrator of the Mary Gran Nursing Center. As administrator, he was responsible for 242 residents and managed a staff of over 270. Recently, the center received a progress achievement award as one of the top facilities in the company. It is the top 3rd nursing home in the state of North Carolina. Brother Leggett also managed the Golden Years Nursing Facility in Falcon for two years.

In addition to this background, Brother Leggett served for five years as a probation officer and several years as a social worker for Wayne and Sampson counties.

Brother Leggett is a graduate of Emmanuel College, located in Franklin Springs, Georgia, and Methodist College of Fayetteville, North Carolina. He completed his nursing home administration requirements at the University of North Carolina in 1997. He received his license at that time.

Joseph Leggett presently serves as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at the Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church, where he and his family attend. He has served a term on the Church Education Ministries Board of the North Carolina Conference. Brother Leggett is married with three fine sons.

Brother Leggett is well qualified to serve as superintendent of the Children's Home. His gifts, training, and experience qualify him to lead the home forward into the 21st century. He grew up in Falcon. He knows the home from a unique perspective.

His father, Presiding Bishop James Leggett, served as pastor of the Culbreth church and superintendent of the North Carolina Conference.

Below is a partial insert of Brother Leggett's vision for the home. He will be introduced at the Harvest Train Celebration in November:

My vision for the Falcon Children's Home is very closely aligned with the original founders' vision. I, too, believe that "we should provide a Christian home for children who, for whatever reason, are not permitted to live with their parents in a normal family setting or whose parents are deceased." Also in accordance with their original mission statement, we must do so without regard to creed, color, race, or religion. I firmly believe that the Home has done well in its history of following through on the founders' original mission statement. I feel that we must hold on to the legacy already established by the Home over the years, but we must do so with a keen eye to the ever changing social and governmental climate that persists in the placement of young people today. We must be open to new and innovative ways to enhance Christian principles. I envision such programs as establishing an emergency shelter for children who are removed from their home within the past 24 hours, aligning with the state to establish a regimented type of boot camp training for troubled teens, and perhaps a Christian based substance abuse treatment program. I believe that we must also permeate many foster home type settings within the campus in order to keep up with the present push to place young people in foster care rather than an institutional setting. There also could be a hall established for special needs children who are generally very difficult to place. These are just some of the ideas that I feel could enhance our enrollment and ministry opportunities.

My vision for Falcon Children's Home is of a place where we continue to adapt and change to meet the needs of young people with a spiritual emphasis that will make all the difference in their lives as well as the lives of our staff. Falcon Children's Home, through working in a close relationship with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Town of Falcon, and a reliance upon the divine leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ, can and will continue to be a leader in meeting the needs of young people well into the 21st century.

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Areas of Progress

by Superintendent J. Doner Lee (1985)

Due to the fact that this will be my twentieth and last report in this particular office, permit me to give you a synoptic review of accomplishments during this administration. Upon assuming the responsibility of superintendent on November 1, 1965, I approached with fear and trembling the mammoth task of following my predecessors, who had given a greater part of their lives and laid such a solid foundation on which to build, that I fell on my knees and asked God for divine wisdom for the first day. I never begin a day without the same prayer. As God began to lead and our needs for expansion grew, we began to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes. Some of the first efforts were:

1. Purchase five acres of land from the Lucas Estate for camp use.
2. To secure commitment from State and County to widen Highway 82 through our conference property with curb and gutter without cost other than right of way granted.
3. Joined town of Falcon and Children's Home to put proper streetlights from Children's Home through Falcon.
4. Completely restoring school building, including 23 dormitory rooms, cafeteria, and kitchen, all air-conditioned.
5. Building much needed canteen with air and heat.
6. Remodeling camp meeting auditorium and named it "Culbreth Memorial Auditorium" to honor Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Culbreth, its founder and builder.
7. Remodeled Strickland House with eight spacious dormitory rooms.
8. Remodeled White Dormitory. Each building completely air-conditioned.
9. In 1978, we built the "Belton Thompson Annex Office Building" with five spacious offices, four restrooms, coffee shop, large conference room, and archives room, giving us ample space for present and future expansion.
10. The upstairs area of the office building was completely renovated, giving seven beautiful rooms for invited guests, including the Bishop's room.
11. Built multipurpose building that includes space for 15 dormitory rooms to be completed.

All the above was accomplished and is "debt free." To God, we give the praise! There is one goal that we haven't accomplished here at headquarters. That is to restore the old S. D. Page home. I trust this can be accomplished soon.

STATISTICAL REPORT

1965-1985

Membership	1965	1985	Gain
Church Membership	9,177	17,184	8,007
S.S. Enrollment	18,507	21,953	3,452
L.L. Membership	7,473	10,760	3,287
Women's Ministries	3,184	4,418	1,234
Finance			
Ministers' Tithe	57,326.32	255,374.18	198,047.86
Church Tithe	40,248.02	334,854.24	294,606.22
General Purposes	49,755.19	613,800.45	564,045.26
Total Given General Purposes 1965-1985			6,414,250.85
Ministerial and Church Extension Loan			
Loan Fund	366,968.44	2,523,890.88	2,156,922.44
Total Loans 1965-1985		500.00	5,472,772.00
Superannuate Fund			
Liabilities & Assets	122,330.13	1,315,920.78	
Drawing Superannuation			
Ministers	20	51	
Widows	8	21	
Retirement Benefits	$3 per service year	$6 per service year	
Benefits Paid including Christmas Gift	20,829.54	142,970.44	
Christmas: Double Monthly Check			

The statistics above reflect only a part of what God has done through these years. There have been many churches built, remodeled, relocated, parsonages, fellowship and educational buildings, along with recreational facilities at many of our churches. In fact, there is not one church that hasn't either rebuilt or remodeled its facilities. Our membership and financial increase has enabled us to reach out beyond our boundaries to strengthen missions at home and abroad. There is no way the above report could have been accomplished without prayer, hard work, and sacrificial giving by minister and laity. Thanks for each effort, and praise God for His manifold blessings. I am happy for the honor of serving you and being a part of your accomplishments. Today, I will enter a new stage of my life. In my early ministry, I thought I wanted to be an evangelist. I talked to Bishop Synan about it. He told me that to become a successful evangelist, I needed some pastoral experience first. I now have 35 years experience as pastor and serving people. So my new field will be Evangelism. I pray to be used of God to win souls and help make true disciples of Christ. My greatest desire is to be a good and faithful servant and so to live that my life will tell for Jesus. The song {by Mrs. Breck} gives my heart's desire.

I Want My Life to Tell

Amid life's busy, hurrying throng,
The gay, the sad, the weak, the strong,
While I am traveling along, I want my life to tell for Jesus.
I want to be a beacon light, To cheer wayfarers in their night,
And help them on their way aright, I want my life to tell for Jesus.
I want my life with Jesus hid, That I may do what He shall bid,
I want to love as Jesus did; I want my life to tell for Jesus.
To wealth and fame I would not climb, But would know God's peace sublime;
And everywhere – and all the time, I want my life to tell for Jesus.

Chorus
I want my life to tell for Jesus! I want my life to tell for Jesus,
That everywhere I go, Men may His goodness know.
I want my life to tell for Jesus!

—Mrs. Frank A. Breck

A Celebration of Worship

Honoring God and His Faithful Servant

Reverend Julius Doner Lee

Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle
Falcon, North Carolina

Musical Prelude	Mrs. Billie Butler Minister of Music, Capital PH Church
Opening Scripture and Prayer	Bishop D. Chris Thompson Superintendent, NC Conference
Special Music	The Capital Church Trio Beverly Ward, Cathy Ward, Rachel McPhatter
A Friend	Rev. Wiley T. Clark Director, Retired Ministers Department, NC Conference
Congregational Music	"Living by Faith"
A Family Man	Rev. Lee's Sons Stanley Cooper Lee and Julius Doner (Don) Lee, Jr.
A Pastor/Preacher of the Gospel	Bishop D. Chris Thompson
Special Music "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy"	Mr. Ken Lancaster
A Leader	Bishop James D. Leggett Presiding Bishop, International Pentecostal Holiness Church
Special Music "Another Soldier's Coming Home"	Mr. J. Don Lee, Jr.
Musical Postlude	Mrs. Billie Butler

Graveside Service
Falcon Memorial Cemetery (Brooks Street Extension)

Scripture/Remarks	Rev. Danny Nelson
Expressions of Appreciation	Rev. D. Chris Thompson
Presentation of Medallion	Rev. Wiley T. Clark
Special Song	The Lee Family Singers
Remarks/Commitment/Prayer	Bishop James D. Leggett

Pallbearers

C. Shawn Lee
Rev. Gary Strickland
Rev. John Hedgepeth
Rev. Danny Nelson
Grayson S. Lee
Rev. Roland Harrell
Rev. T. Elwood Long
Rev. Jimmy Whitfield

Honorary Pallbearers

The family requests all ministers and their wives to serve as honorary pallbearers. A special section of the Tabernacle is reserved for you.

Obituary for Julius Doner Lee, Sr.

Rev. Julius Doner Lee passed away September 26, 2007, at Windsor Point Assisted Living Home in Fuquay-Varina. Reverend Lee was born October 2, 1920, in Harris Neck, Georgia, the eighth child of Robert Edward and Carolyn Marshall Wellons Lee, who preceded him in death. His family was originally from the Dunn/Falcon area, but his father had moved the family to South Georgia to tend a large farm owned by another family member. Shortly after his birth, the family moved back to Falcon, and he lived there on a farm. Reverend Lee attended school in Falcon and graduated in 1938. His future wife, Eva Louine Cooper, also lived in Falcon and attended school there. He left Falcon soon after graduating and went to Toccoa, Georgia, where his brother Bill was reporting back to the family that there were jobs available at a new R. G. LeTourneau plant. Several members of the family moved there to work in the plant. The Lee Brothers Quartet, of which he was a member and sang lead, was soon singing on the radio and traveling with the R. G. LeTourneaus. Music continued to be an important asset and joy throughout his life. World War II began, and he volunteered for the Army. He ended up in Fresno, California, at March Field. He received a medical discharge and went back home to his wife and a newly born son.

In 1950 Reverend Lee felt a definite call to full-time ministry and went to Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina, graduating in three years and coming back to North Carolina to begin his ministry. He pastored at Thunder Swamp (Mount Olive), Emmanuel (Raleigh), and the Gospel Tabernacle (Dunn) before being elected as superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1965. He served in that position until his retirement in 1986. During that time, he traveled extensively and served on numerous boards and committees. Among those were the World Missions Board, chairman of the General Loan Fund, chairman of the Church Institutions Board, and chairman of the Eastern Board of Education. He also served on the General Executive Board, the highest governing body of the denomination, for 12 years. After his retirement, he returned to the Thunder Swamp church to pastor for another three years.

After retirement, he could be seen almost daily in Dunn as he kept his schedule of going to the hospital, Roy's Restaurant, meeting someone for counseling, or just talking with one of his many friends he met along the way. He was greatly respected by all who knew him, and his positive influence is immeasurable. He lived what he preached and ministered as much out of the pulpit as in the pulpit. He did all he could to leave the world a better place, and he succeeded. In 2002 he and his wife moved to Windsor Point Assisted Living Home in Fuquay-Varina. They were both in declining health and could no longer live alone without assistance.

Reverend Lee is survived by two sons: Julius Doner (Don) Lee, Jr., and wife, Joan; Stanley Cooper Lee and wife, Elaine, all of Raleigh, North Carolina; four grandchildren: Sherry Lee Faw and husband, Todd, of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina; Christopher Shawn Lee and wife, Ashley, of Dacula, Georgia; Grayson Stanley Lee and wife, Shannon, of Southport, North Carolina; Heather Lee Long and husband, Luke, of Clayton, North Carolina; and ten great-grandchildren. He also has a surviving sister, Mildred Helen Lee Carroll.

Reverend Lee was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Eva Louine Cooper Lee; his parents; his brothers, Robert Frederick (Fred) Lee, Hobart Wellons Lee, James Allison (Doc) Lee, John Henry Lee, Raymond Lee (infant), William Bryan (Bill) Lee, Joseph (Joe) King Lee; and a sister, Carolyn Frinstrom Lee Rozier.

Reverend Julius Doner Lee

October 2, 1920 – September 26, 2007

My friend, mentor, and first superintendent went to heaven on the morning of September 26, 2007. He will be missed, but he is not lost. We all know where he is.

We have dedicated this issue of *Evangel* to him. He served for 21 years as the editor. Enclosed in this issue are the records of a remarkable leader. Read them and see the hand of God in his life. I have also included the article previously printed about Mrs. Lee, who passed in August 2006.

I first met Brother Lee in the fall of 1965 at the Goldsboro District Conference. He had taken over as superintendent from Reverend Eddie Morris, who resigned to become superintendent of Falcon Children's Home.

Later, Brother and Sister Lee attended the homecoming at my home church, Manley Grove. I was teaching the adult class that Sunday. He and Sister Lee were so encouraging.

Later, when I was called to preach, I drove to Falcon on a Monday morning to see Brother Lee. He gave me excellent advice. Later, he assigned me my first church and dedicated our first son, Jonathan.

Brother and Sister Lee's two sons, Don and Stanley, and their families attended our church in Cary. I was privileged to pastor Evangelistic Temple, their church, for five years. Betty and I grew to love and deeply respect the entire Lee family. Brother and Sister Lee often dropped in on the services.

In 1986 Brother Lee retired. That year Betty and I moved to Falcon. Brother and Sister Lee were our neighbors. He dropped by the office often. He was a blessing.

Brother Lee loved the Lord. His commitment and dedication came through in his total life; he lived what he preached. He loved the Pentecostal Holiness Church and gave his life to her ministry. He loved Falcon. The Town and Conference Resource Development Center reflect his commitment and dedication. Our Archives Center is named in his honor.

May his memory guide each of us to greater commitment and dedication. These were the effects he had on me.

–Bishop D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent, North Carolina Conference of the IPHC

In Celebration of Mrs. Eva Louine Cooper Lee

On Friday, August 18, 2006, Mrs. Louine Lee, wife of former North Carolina Conference Superintendent Reverend J. Doner Lee, departed this world and entered her heavenly home. At the time of her homegoing, she was a resident at Windsor Point Nursing Center in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lee was born on October 8, 1922, to Henry E. and Eva J. Cooper of Falcon, North Carolina. She grew up in Falcon and married J. Doner Lee. After her husband's call to preach, she journeyed with him to Greenville, South Carolina, where he attended Holmes Bible College. She and Reverend J. Doner Lee would have been married 65 years in October.

Together this couple served as pastor of the Thunder Swamp Church, Mount Olive for five years, the Emmanuel Church in Raleigh for five years, and the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn for five years. In 1965, Reverend Lee became the superintendent of the North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He served until he retired in 1986. Sister Lee was the "First Lady," and first lady she was.

Sister Lee was a wonderful first lady. She was a lady of great dignity and presence. She was known for her encouragement and support of her husband. She was quick to compliment and offer her best wishes for the Lord's work. She was a family woman and always put her husband and family first.

Reverend Lee said these words of his wife on their retirement in 1986: "It has been our joy and privilege to serve together for these 21 years. Mrs. Lee has served by my side as my stabilizer, helpmate, prayer warrior, and constant companion. Together we have shared your sorrows, your joys, griefs, pain, love, and understanding." (*Evangel*, June 1986)

Mrs. Lee is survived by her husband, the Reverend J. Doner Lee; two sons, J. Don Lee and wife, Joan, of Raleigh; Stanley C. Lee and wife, Elaine, of Raleigh; grandchildren, Shawn Lee and wife, Ashley; Heather Long and husband, Luke; Sherry Faw and husband, Todd; and Grayson Lee and wife, Shannon; nine great-grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothy Cooper Oliver.

The celebration service was held on Sunday, August 20, 4:00 p.m., at her home church, Culbreth Memorial in Falcon, North Carolina. Bishop D. Chris Thompson, the Reverend J. Danny Nelson, and the Reverend Wiley Clark officiated. It was a powerful service. The church was filled to capacity with friends and loved ones. A large number of ministers and their spouses were present. She was laid to rest in a specially designed above-the-ground vault at the Falcon Memorial Cemetery. This granite vault is engraved with the life story of the Lees.

This lady was a dear friend and encourager to Betty and me. She was such a blessing to our early years of ministry. She found a way to express her love to us and to speak well of our three boys. She always wanted to know of their progress in the Lord's work. She is gone for the present, but not lost to us. We know where she is!

–Bishop D. Chris Thompson
North Carolina Conference of the IPHC

Tabernacle PH Church Participates in Relay for Life

The children from the Tabernacle Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at 1000 E. Ash Street in Goldsboro, performed "This Little Light of Mine" during Youth Service Sunday on April 29, 2007. Youth Service Sunday was a fund-raiser for the Relay for Life (2007) of Wayne County. The children performed songs as a group as well as performing solos, read Scripture, and performed piano recitals. The service as a huge success, and the children did a wonderful job!

This was the first year for the Tabernacle to participate in the Relay for Life as a team entry. In addition to Youth Service Sunday, the church team sold Relay for Life ribbons/bows and luminaries and, at the Relay for Life event, sold baked goods and handmade pocketbooks (made by church member Mrs. Shirley Lane). In six short weeks, our church team proudly raised $1,475 to donate to the Relay for Life! Our church team and church members, many of whom are cancer survivors, have set up a special offering fund throughout the year for the Relay and enthusiastically anticipate Relay for Life 2008.

The Church I Love

I recall a little white church which sat in the sand;
Big rocks for its foundation placed there carefully by hand.
The building was not fancy, just simple and plain;
And worshipers were few, who chose Niagara as its name.

For a season, it appeared the building met their needs.
The messages they shared as preachers planted "holy" seeds.
But the congregation grew, and as the years passed by,
Upgrades were necessary with modern standards to comply.

A block foundation was needed to support the rocks;
Sunday school rooms were added with shingles covering the top.
Stained glass windows replaced those that were clear;
A vestibule, vinyl siding, and automatic heat and air.

Carpet covers the rough wooden floors;
And the bathrooms are now indoors.
Padded benches provide comfortable seats;
There's also a fellowship hall, what a treat!

More rooms were added accessing the hall;
While a steeple was erected, straight and tall.
The sign out front declares Niagara still the name.
Despite changes to the structure, the "Spirited" worship is the same!

It's no longer a little white church sitting in the sand.
But a beautiful building, chandelier-illuminated sanctuary,
With solid black pavement covering the land.
This is the church I love, in its entire splendor, so grand!

Marie E. Phillips

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

November/December 2007

Rev. Emmett Turner ..... November 12
Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker..... November 13
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Rev. Tommy Spikes..... December 5
Rev. Paul Weaver ..... December 15
Rev. Wiley Clark ..... December 15
Rev. Raymond Potter ..... December 18
Rev. Mrs. Patsy Payne.... December 18
Rev. Richard Parson..... December 24
Rev. Mrs. Edith Page..... December 26

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament.

Daniel G. Reid, editor. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press. 1174 pages.

If you are a careful student of the Bible, you cannot have enough reference material. Often the small details make the sermon or Sunday school lesson very interesting. While we live in an information-saturated society, ministers and laypersons will welcome the helpful, enlightening, specific information from this one-volume compendium of contemporary biblical scholarship. Included in this volume are 131 authoritative articles on every New Testament book, key New Testament events, important theological topics, and essential Jewish and Roman background. Other valuable features include maps, charts, tables, a glossary of terms, full bibliographies, and a Scripture index. It is essentially a repackaging of the series of dictionaries published by InterVarsity Press: *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*, and *Dictionary of New Testament Background*.

The editor chose to use past and current scholarship, which can be a little unsettling because some contemporary scholarship seeks to redefine the Gospels and the role of Christ and the Apostles. Clarity of meaning is becoming more difficult these days. When a believer reads and studies a book of this nature, it is imperative to be as informed as possible about the author and his or her background. Word meanings are changing with the times. The serious student must be alert to subtle changes of definitions and word usage because false teaching attacks the church like a parasite. Some "pseudo-truism" may not be so evident. If it is true and total truth, then it does not need to be redefined or remodeled to suit the contemporary palates of believers. God's truth that is older than the hills will make believers free.

If the reader will pardon a personal note, I thank the Lord for my Pentecostal and Holiness heritage, but I want more than the old-time religion and the old-time power. I want old-time truth. The church needs more than simple, classic "echoes" of truth. We are in desperate need of some old-fashioned, unblemished, unvarnished, Spirit-anointed, devil-defying, death-delivering, time-tested, and authoritative God's truth. Contemporary as today's newspaper, this kind of truth is worth contending for. It is the kind of truth worth dying for. God's truth will save and sanctify you. It will fill you with the Holy Spirit and fire. It will heal you. His truth gives a confident expectation of the soon return of Jesus Christ. It guides the believer night and day. It comforts the weary pilgrim and the discouraged pastor. God's Word is the constant companion of the widow and widower. It gives hope to the prisoner. It stabilizes God-fearing teenagers in an unstable, unraveling world. It is reliable, immutable, infallible, and simply precious. God's truth will take you from "almost persuaded" to "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded...," steering the man at the crossroads onto the path of righteousness. Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? Who knows better than God? Who knows more than God? As for me, give me God's truth in a definitive, absolute, undeniable way because it is so grave and urgent for my family and the church I pastor to live free in a world of lies, hype, and spin.

To be honest, while every word of this large volume will not have been read by press time, what has been read seems to be well-written and very sound. Again, word meanings change, and it takes time to "interpret" or "decipher" the true meaning of the article or information. Hopefully, there is no "suppressed truth" at all in this publication.

Longing to Know: The Philosophy of Knowledge for Ordinary People

by Esther Lightcap Meek. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press. 208 pages.

Unless you have been living as a hermit somewhere in the faraway hills or hiding in some hole with no contact with the outside world, you are aware of the influence of relativism, pragmatism, pluralism, and subjectivism upon society and the church. It was Os Guinness who said that if you are going to dine with the devil, you better have a very long fork. Postmodernism is the devil's fare.

G. K. Chesterton stated, "Every man who will not have softening of the heart must at last have softening of the brain." Why are so many resisting the truth of the Gospel? Is the Christian faith the only faith, or one of many? Nowadays people are asking, *Is anything certain anymore?*

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Can truth be known? Is truth certain or somewhat certain? Is truth black, white, or gray? How does one know that what he or she knows is "true"? Since science is constantly changing, is all knowledge changing? Is knowledge changing for better or for worse? Who knows? Who has the final word? By what authority and knowledge does anyone tell the whole world what is the truth?

"With directness and a beguiling simplicity, Esther Meek takes the reader into the heart of the postmodern malaise regarding truth and knowledge, not to linger there, but to emerge with a delightfully assured sense that knowing God is part of a real and unfolding relationship. This book is a tour de force," wrote David F. Wells, distinguished professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Meeks stated that our culture's recent consensus shift from modernism to postmodernism has been centuries in the making, but it has only in recent decades reached the street.

Although philosophy and epistemology can be challenging subjects, this special book, written from a religious, spiritual perspective, consists of 25 short chapters with reflective questions at the end of each chapter and is designed for the ordinary person to read and comprehend. Philosophical ideas are tamed and brought to bear with meaning and application. This is the "beguiling simplicity" David Wells refers to. It is enjoyable to read. Many examples are given that are true to life. It is so easy to connect with this author as she delves into the realm of knowing and being known. It is designed to help anyone who struggles with reality and knowing for certain the things one should know.

She claims and demonstrates that knowing God is like knowing your auto mechanic! Very interesting! Surely there are similarities and differences, but in what way is it alike or similar? Meeks contends that knowledge is the responsible human struggle to rely on clues to focus on a coherent pattern and submit to its reality. She gives the example of her husband's taking her car that squeaks and whines to be fixed by Jeff the mechanic. Later in the day, the car is returned to where she works, and when she drives home, the car doesn't misbehave anymore. Although she hasn't seen Jeff the mechanic, she knows Jeff has helped her immensely. The stories, examples, and experiences are true to life and easy to understand.

This book is timely and important. It is a must read for young people especially who may be struggling with knowing and being known, even by God. When your struts go bad in your car, you need a reliable auto mechanic to make things right. When life gives you a lemon or a sour pickle, you also need a good and great God to help make things right! Happy Reading!

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"If one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

(Eccl. 4:12)

The Capital PH Church in Garner was the setting for "Opposites Get It Together," which was the theme for our Three Strands Marriage Encounter. It is the vision of "Three Strands" to see husbands and wives and, therefore, homes, woven together with God's mighty prophetic strength to form an unbreakable cord as stated in Ecclesiastes 4:12.

Ministering guests were Garnet and Frances Pike. Dr. Pike serves as dean of the Graduate School of Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma, and is author of the book *Receiving the Promise of the Father: How to Be Baptized in the Holy Spirit*. Frances, who ministers alongside her husband, is the author of *Created to Rule Together*. Their greatest joy is to see others released into their full potential and make a difference for the Kingdom.

As couples gathered, the evening began with praise and worship provided by Conquest from Emmanuel College. These young people were so filled with zeal and excitement that they were electrifying.

Dr. and Mrs. Pike were able to share with us from their experiences after 42 years of marriage. We were able to see how the body, soul, spirit, and love must connect. We also did a Personality Discovery to help us find our strengths and struggles. (Mr. Henry and I discovered we are very much alike).

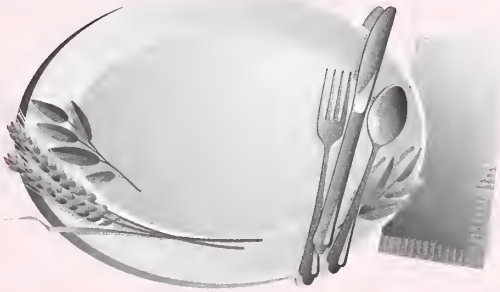
It was a great weekend, and I would like to thank the couples who participated; a very special thank you goes to our Couples Retreat coordinator, Diane Blalock. Diane and her team did an outstanding job. We're already looking forward to next year.

Remember, *together we can make a difference!*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- See a spot of rust on a knife or fork? Just stick it into an onion for 30 minutes. The onion juices will remove the rust.
- Grease on your tablecloth? If you have spilled gravy on your tablecloth, sprinkle the spill with baking soda, and it should wash away easily.
- Warmer rolls... Place a piece of aluminum foil under the napkin in your breadbasket, and your rolls will stay warm longer.
- Make dull glass shower doors sparkle by wiping with soft cloth saturated with white vinegar. Shine with a dry cloth.



May your Thanksgiving season and every day be filled with extreme gratitude for the many ways God has blessed you. "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever" (Psalm 106:1).

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Prophetic Summit 2007

"Breaking Racial Barriers"

Restoring the Prophetic Mantle to the Church

Prior to the return of Christ, God will bring forth a company of prophets who will be His threshing and winnowing fork in His hand (Is. 41:16; Matt. 3:12) to execute this judgment of the household of God, which will be the final separation of the wheat from the chaff. They are coming, and believers and ministers alike must begin to adjust their attitudes and allow their minds to be enlightened by what the Bible has to say about these very necessary and valid ministries, lest they find themselves fighting against the very plans and purposes of God, and therefore God himself.

Until now, the Lord has tolerated a lot within the Body of Christ that He does not intend to tolerate forever. Judgment within "the household of God" (the Church) will precede judgment of the world (1 Pet. 4:17). Thus, He is gradually bringing forth His prophets to a place of real function in which they will be performing without constraint (save that of the true nature of God) the six-faceted ministry of the prophets: 1) pluck up, 2) break down, 3) destroy, 4) overthrow, 5) build, and 6) plant (Jer. 1:10).

Just as God raised up Elijah to bring forth to naught the influence of the false prophets of Baal, so shall He bring forth prophets of power and judgment within the Church, who will cause the kingdom of earth to suffer violence, and these "violent" prophets of God shall exert the authority of God, in some cases by force over entities and elements within the domain of God which have been resistant to the will and purposes of God.

In 1989 the Lord gave me a prophetic vision that He wanted unity within the Body of Christ. There was to be no racial division. We are all equal in His eyes, regardless of color, country, origin, culture, or background. That would be the Church of Jesus Christ.

On September 16, 2007, at the New Fellowship Center of Refuge in Wilson, NC, a prophetic summit was held. This was significant in the fact that it brought together people of many racial ethnicities. It was historic in that it was the first prophetic multiracial summit held in this area.

The summit comprised the following:

1. A marketplace prophet, Janice Wolf from Greenville, who spoke on having a vision from God and implementing a plan to carry out that vision (1 Cor. 12:4-6). She shared the need for humility of attitude, not raising yourself up, but raising up the vision He has given you.
2. A prophetic writer, Alma Wooding from Wilson, who has written and published books of prophetic poetry, as in the 73 poems written in Psalms.
3. Prophetic dance and flag pageantry with Wanda Cherry from Wilson and Erica Tatum from Wilmington, as in Exodus 15 when Miriam danced before the Lord.
4. The in-house prophet, Rev. Alison Downing from Wilson, who spoke on the role of the prophet within the local church as an exhorter to the body under the authority and in submission to the pastor, and on the importance of humility and being obedient to the Holy Spirit.
5. The prophet to the nations, Michael Bacon from Wake Forest, who spoke on the role of the prophet to the nations in the end times. He spoke of the prophet being a "broken vessel," the flesh being dead (Jer. 1:5).
6. The regional prophet, Laroy Parham, who spoke on the spirits over Wilson of pride relating to racial pride and barriers caused by this; how the dry bones of the area were being knit together as the racial barriers are being broken (Ezek. 36:7). He addressed the strongholds over the city.
7. Praise and worship, led by Lisa Nichols and the Praise Team from Living Waters Ministries, Wilson, and Prophetess Annie Parham.

At the end of the conference, which had attracted people from as far away as Wilmington and Raleigh, individual prophetic words were given.

Just as the word for the IPHC in 2008 is "Together," I feel this is the beginning of that vision I was given in 1989; the Lord wants to break racial barriers and bring unity to the body.

As I write this article, a prophetic summit is being organized in Greenville, NC, for Saturday, December 8, 2007. If you are interested in attending this summit, contact Rev. Alison Downing at Living Waters Ministries, Wilson, or call 252-245-6008.

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Together

I can remember traveling with my family on vacation. Questions such as these would invariably come up, sometimes over and over!

"Where are we going?"

"When will we get there?"

"Are we there yet?"

I'm sure that most travelers have heard these same questions. But, you know, the most important thing about the vacation was that our family was *together*.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend one of our district conference rallies. The bishop and his staff were promoting the 2008 theme, *"**Together**."* As I listened, I began to feel the joy of Christ all over me. I became excited at the thought of men working *together* for the glory of God!

From the very beginning, God wanted us together. He started with Adam by giving him a wife that they might work together. In the New Testament, the church was instructed to come together regularly. Hebrews 10:25 reads, *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves **together**...."* We are to come together to encourage and help one another. Another New Testament scripture reminds us, *"For we are laborers **together** with God..."* (1 Corinthians 3:9).

With that thought in mind, we should be asking ourselves questions such as these:

"Where am I going?"

"What am I going for?"

"Who will go with me?"

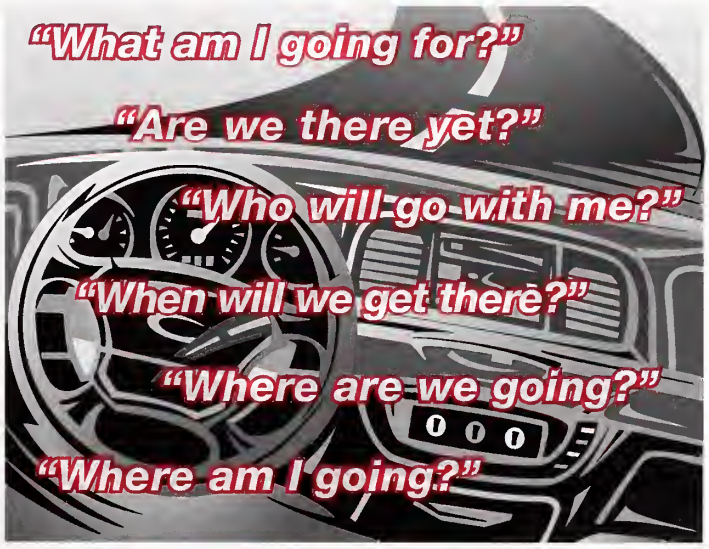
If we are not pondering these questions, we should be. We need to figure out our purpose in God and come together with other like-minded believers to accomplish His will in these perilous times in which we live.

We need to come *together now* and start making a difference for the generation that is before us. There is too much of the "my way" mentality going on in what is supposed to be God's work. It is time for the young generation and the older generation to work together for His glory, in one mind and in one accord. Acts 2:17 foretells, *"It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams."*

I believe that time is now here when God wants to pour out His Spirit. And we desperately need it because just four generations ago, about 65 percent of the U.S. population claimed to be Christian. Now, only three generations later, the poll has dropped to a dismal 18 percent. If we don't come *together* and get in one accord with God, *where* will the next generation be?

It took a long time to get our world where it is now. Maybe we can't change it overnight, but we can begin. Men, it is time to stop walking in our own direction.

Together, in the power of God, we can make a difference.



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Have You Lost Your First Love?

Revelation 2:4 says, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

Have we lost our first love? Sometimes we hear of the problems of those around us and can't help but wonder how these problems were able to escalate to the degree that they cause depression, hopelessness, and discouragement in the life of a Christian. We are sometimes so overwhelmed with things that come our way that we neglect what is needful, such as praying, reading the Word, and seeking godly counsel from someone to whom we look up. Satan can also do a number on our minds to keep us from doing what we need to do.

What is your first love? Is it the desire to achieve a goal or gain approval from all your peers, or is it your relationship with Jesus Christ? Many times we are lulled into listlessness or sleep and just do not respond to God and His plan for our lives. We forget that God loves us and cares about us to the extent that He wants the very best for us.

How many of you remember the excitement and happiness you felt when you first accepted Jesus as your Savior? There was such joy and happiness that you could not explain. How long has it been since you felt that joy in serving the Lord and the overwhelming desire to tell somebody about Him and the way that He has changed your life? How long has it been since you sat down and just counted your blessings?

I believe one of the greatest problems Christians face today is that many people are influenced by the atmosphere of this world we live in. This is one of Satan's ploys to keep us from doing what God has called us to do. We are so involved in living our day-to-day lives in this world that we get used to a lot of things we really need to avoid.

Satan has blinded the eyes of so many people that if we just stayed in the Word, we would know we are to steer clear of those things. Deuteronomy 18:9-13 says, "When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God."

So many people these days see no wrong in the Harry Potter series of books, but if we live by God's precepts and want to please Him, we should not support this series in any way. We seem to accept things out of their popularity in the masses.

One thing that really grieves me these days is the idea that marriage is not permanent for some people anymore. When the times get rough, some people tend to do their own thing and tend to call it quits. None of us is perfect because we are two very different people, but if God put us together, there is a purpose and a plan for our lives. When God puts two people together, He intended for them to be a team with each of their diverse talents to blend as one. Each of our talents or characteristics is to be an asset to the ministry that we have together. God gives us many opportunities to make things right if we really want to. Of course there are those situations when one of the partners of the marriage may not want to do God's will and just wants to do his or her own thing. Are we to quit everything that we always enjoyed before? Where is our first love? Who is more important in our lives? Do God and His will mean anything to us any more?

Revelation 2:5 reads as follows: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works, or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Serve God and come back to thy first love! He loves you and cares about everything that touches your life.

"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:9)

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Until next time, may God bless you and yours.
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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Thankfulness

Thankfulness is a necessity in the Christian life. We become more blessed as we show our thankfulness to the Lord and those who are instrumental in blessing us. In this season of being thankful, we need to acknowledge the passing of one of those special people who contributed to our lives and to our conference.

Rev. Julius Doner Lee passed on to be with his Lord on September 26, 2007. Brother Lee, as most of us knew him, was very devoted to his God and his call to preach the Word of God. Brother Lee also was dedicated to preserving the history of the church he loved. He made a point to protect and preserve the detailed story of the beginnings of this great church. While serving on the Falcon Town Board as a commissioner, he helped to preserve many pictures and memorabilia through encouraging the town to have a Heritage Room. During his time on the town's board, he also helped to get the old post office restored.

As conference superintendent, Brother Lee encouraged the church to move the Octagon Tabernacle and have it restored. It was a great day when the restoration was completed and the Octagon Tabernacle was rededicated! Brother Lee also did all the paperwork and pushed to get the Octagon Tabernacle on the Register of Historic Places. May we work to preserve our history as he has done!

In a personal note, Brother and Sister Lee were special to Chris and me from the very beginning of our ministry. They were always encouraging and complimentary, and throughout the years we felt very close to them and their family. We pastored their two sons and their families for five years and were made to feel that we were part of the family. We thank God for these two people and look forward to seeing them again!

Did You Know...?

When Brother Lee went to the retirement center, he asked that I go through his files and find all that needed to be preserved in the Archives. Included in his files was a poster that had a picture of a dark-haired and mustached man with the words "Gypsy Smith Coming." Through time I knew only that Gypsy Smith was an evangelist who lived back in the early 1900s.

Recently I was given information about him. He was a Methodist evangelist born at Wanstead in Essex, England, March 31, 1860. He was of Gypsy parentage and was converted at the age of 16. In 1877 he became an evangelist under the auspices of the Christian Mission of London and preached successfully in various places.

Meanwhile the Christian Mission had developed into the Salvation Army, and in 1882 Smith was dismissed for a technical breach of discipline. He continued to preach, but in 1893 he went to Sweden and then, as time went by, eventually came to the United States. As the years passed, he traveled quite extensively throughout Europe giving the message of the Gospel.

Gypsy Smith came to the United States six times, and the last trip that was recorded was in 1907. Because of the date, I believe Gypsy Smith was here because of curiosity about the doctrine of the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The information I was given is very brief, and so I don't have any details about his visits to the United States. I have some older pictures of some of our early leaders, and there is a man who favors Gypsy Smith, but I don't know for sure that it is he in the picture. Gypsy Smith died in 1947.

I do want you to know I appreciate all the kind words of encouragement to me. I hope I give information you will need to know for your Archives. Please let me know if you are interested in anything with which I might be able to help you. Let me know if I can help in any way. May God bless!

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La Influencia de la Iglesia

Part II

En el último número de la revista *Evangel* hice referencia al pasaje de la Escritura en Hechos 2:46-47, el cual dice lo siguiente: "Y perseverando unánimes cada día en el templo, y partiendo el pan en las casas, comían juntos con alegría y sencillez de corazón, alabando a Dios, y teniendo favor con todo el pueblo. Y el Señor añadía cada día a la iglesia los que habían de ser salvos."

Compartí con ustedes que la palabra *favor* significa que ellos disfrutaban de la simpatía de la gente. En otras palabras los hermanos disfrutaban del respeto de las personas alrededor de ellos. Ahora necesitamos preguntarnos, por qué la iglesia tenía el favor de la gente en Jerusalén? Ellos eran admirados por los vecinos en esa ciudad, por qué la admiración y el respeto? Ellos tenían el favor de la gente por varias razones, las cuales deseo mencionar en el siguiente escrito.

1. Lo primero es que la presencia de Dios estaba en ellos. Cuando digo la presencia de Dios, me refiero a la manifestación del Señor entre ellos con significativos cambios en sus vidas, los milagros, la voz de Dios hablando, la manifestación de Dios entre ellos y por la forma en que ellos estaban viviendo, debido a su experiencia con Cristo. La gente podía percibir algo que no era ordinario.
2. La iglesia también tenía el favor del pueblo, por la demostración de una dependencia en Dios. Ellos fueron usados al mostrar que usando su fe, confiaban en el Señor para todas las cosas. La fe de ellos demostró funcionar, no era fe en cualquier cosa, sino fe en Dios. Ellos creían en la realidad de Dios, Su poder y Sus promesas. Mostraron que depender de Dios tiene sentido en la vida y es lo mas lógico que se debe hacer.
3. Los hermanos pudieron ser una gran influencia por causa del amor entre ellos mismos, el respeto, cuidado y atención que se brindaban mutuamente.
4. Demostraron a la ciudad que sus vidas habían cambiado. Dejaron ver que Dios puede hacer grandes cosas en la vida de las personas, cambiándolos mediante Su poder y Su Espíritu derramado en los corazones. Ellos, la gente de la ciudad pudieron ver la diferencia de la vida de los cristianos.

Mi pregunta para cada iglesia es esta: Cuáles son las características esenciales en la iglesia para ser de gran influencia en la ciudad. La música es importante, los edificios son importantes, los buenos programas y la administra efectiva es muy valiosa y así podría mencionar muchas otras cosas, pero creo que hay dos cualidades esenciales:

- Mostrar la prueba de una vida transformada por Dios, que se refleje en los actos y el estilo de vida.
- La presencia de Dios en la iglesia, me refiero en las vidas de los individuos y también la manifestación de Su presencia entre el pueblo como congregacion, de manera que cuando la gente lo vea, aunque no entiendan todo, vean la diferencia y perciban algo extraordinario.

En el presente la buena reputación e influencia de cualquier congregación en su comunidad, va a ser valorada y a conocerse por medio de los siguientes aspectos.

A. Vidas que muestran un cristianismo fiel y verdadero. Buenos testimonios que hagan honor a lo que se predica y representa por medio de sus prácticas.
B. Personas que adoran a Dios en todos los aspectos de sus vidas. No somos adoradores dentro de los edificios de las iglesias cuando hay cultos, sino que somos adoradores en el diario vivir en toda parte donde estemos. Al dejar ver la disponibilidad de sometimiento al Señor en obediencia. Cuando la gente vea que los cristianos son gente apasionada, que ama, obedece y sirve a Dios, poniéndolo a El por delante en todas las cosas.
C. Si vamos a influir en los demás debemos mostrar el gozo, entusiasmo y vitalidad que pertenece a la vida de cualquier cristiano que tiene una profunda convicción en el Señor Jesucristo. Debido a que saben quien es El y tienen el gozo de Su salvación.
D. También es preciso demostrar que se cree y vive la Palabra de Dios. Es necesario creer en la Palabra de Dios, para poder obedecer lo que nos dice. Es en esa forma que vamos a ser usados para mostrar el valor de la misma. La gente será atraída cuando vean que los creyentes aplican la Palabra de Dios a todos los aspectos de la vida y que funciona.
E. Cuando las personas de la ciudad ven la unidad y el cuidado que se tienen los cristianos entre ellos mismos, el cual se deja ver por el amor sincero y una participación activa para ayudarse y edificarse unos a otros. La gente del mundo necesita ver esta evidencia en nosotros.
F. Podemos influir cuando cada miembro de la iglesia está cumpliendo con su posición en el cuerpo de Cristo y el mundo, haciendo lo mejor con los recursos que Dios le ha dado y usando sus dones y talentos para ministrar a las necesidades, heridas y esperanzas humanas de cada individuo.
G. Cuando mostramos fe en la fidelidad Dios, por la forma en que vivimos con respecto a las necesidades básicas de la vida, y dejando ver una alegría con lo que tenemos y manifestamos un agradecimiento y fe por la provisión de todas las cosas.
H. Al mostrar una apertura a la dirección del Señor y una dependencia en El para seguir los que nos muestre tocante a todos los aspectos de la vida. La gente necesita ver que el Señor da sabiduría, poder y fortaleza para caminar a través de las dificultades y desafíos de la vida y todavía seguir siendo personas de bien y fieles al Señor. También deben ver que se puede tener victoria tras victoria en la vida cristiana porque el Señor está con ellos.

Deseo concluir diciendo que la influencia de la iglesia es muy importante en la comunidad y que la gente necesita ver en los cristianos:

- La gracia y el poder de Dios en ellos
- Vidas transformadas por el Señor
- Una vida en comunidad de fe y amor dentro de la iglesia

Seamos una influencia positiva para nuestra comunidad, siendo instrumentos en las manos de Dios para tocar a nuestra ciudad con el poder de Cristo Jesús. Hechos 2:47 nos muestra que el propósito principal de nuestra influencia en la comunidad es para:

- Alabar a Dios
- Impactar a la gente
- Traer los perdidos a la salvación en Cristo Jesús.

Tomemos la decisión de ser una iglesia de influencia en nuestra ciudad. *"De más estima es el buen nombre que las muchas riquezas, y la buena fama más que la plata y el oro."* Proverbios 22:1

The Influence of the Church

Part II

In the last issue of *Evangel* I made a reference about this scripture in Acts 2:46-47, which says the following: "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

I shared with you that the word *favor* means they were enjoying the sympathy of the people. In other words, they were enjoying respect from those around them. Now we need to ask this question: Why was the church having favor with all the people in Jerusalem? They were admired by their neighbors in that city. Why the admiration and respect? They were having favor for many reasons; let me mention some of them:

1. First of all, the presence of God was among them. I say the presence of God because the manifestation of the Lord was among them, with significant changes in their lives, miracles, the voice of God talking, and because they were living in such way that people could see the power of God.
2. They were having favor with all the people also because of their demonstration of dependency on God. They were used by their faith, showing that faith in God is something that works. It was not faith in any *thing*, but faith only in God, His power, and His promises. They demonstrated that to depend on God makes sense and is the most logical thing in life.
3. They had a great influence because they were driven by love; they showed their love among one another.
4. They demonstrated and proved to the city that their lives had changed. They showed that God can do great things in the lives of people, transforming them by His power and His Spirit in their hearts. The city was able to see the difference.

My question for every church is this: What are the principal or essential characteristics in the church? Music is important; buildings are important; systems and good programs are important; and many others things are important, but I believe in two essentials:

- To show lives being transformed by God and reflected in acts.
- The presence of God in the church; even when the people in the city don't understand this, they can see that something is not ordinary.

In the present time, the good reputation and influence of any congregation in its community come through these areas:

A. Lives that show the truthfulness and sincerity of Christianity, good testimonies of what they are preaching and representing through their practices.

B. People who are worshiping God in every area of their lives. We are not church-building worshipers; we are daily worshipers and worship everywhere we are; we are people with a great sense of mission, knowing the call on our lives and doing whatever is necessary to remove obstacles to a life of growing, serving and loving God and people.

C. If we are going to influence people, we ought to show the joy and excitement that belong in the life of any Christian with deep convictions about the Lord Jesus Christ because the believer knows who He is and the joy of His salvation.

D. Also required is that Christians believe and live the Word of God. It is necessary to believe in the Word of God in order to obey what it is saying to us. It is in that way that we will show its value. People will be attracted when they are able to see that believers apply the Word of God to every aspect of life, and then it works.

E. People in the world need to see the unity Christians have, and see that they care for each other in the church with sincere love and mutual participation to help and to edify one another.

F. We can be an influence when every member is taking care of his or her position in the body of Christ and in the world, doing his/her best to function in his/her gifts and works areas and using them to minister to the needs, hurts, and spiritual hopes of people.

G. When Christians show faith in the promises and faithfulness of God, in all the basic needs of human life, reflecting joy and thankfulness with what we have and having faith that God will provide for our needs.

H. Willingness to submit to the Lord in obedience, openness to the Lord's direction, following what the Lord is saying, and being ready to partake in it. People need to see that the Lord can give wisdom, power, and strength to walk by faith and to take wise decisions in life because of the guidance of the Lord, even when we are going through difficulties.

I want to conclude by saying that the influence of the church is very important in its community. The people outside the church need to see:

- The grace and power of God in the church.
- The life transformed by the Lord Jesus.
- The good life in community within the church.

Let us be a church of positive influence in our community, being instrumental in God's hands in order to touch people with the power of Jesus Christ. Acts 2:47 shows us that the main purpose of influence in our community is for:

- Praising God.
- Impacting the people.
- Bringing the lost to salvation in Jesus Christ.

Let's take the decision to be a church of influence in our community. *"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold"* (Proverbs 22:1).

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Went to heaven Sept. 26, 2007

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Mrs. Myrtle Jayroe

What do you say about a lady like Mrs. Myrtle Jayroe?

At 86 she continues to preach, sing, pastor a church, and shout the victory to the glory of God.

She and her husband, Jack, pastored in our conference for 33 years before their retirement in 1977. Since retirement and before Jack's homegoing, they assisted 3 other churches with their music programs for 12 years and even pastored an Assembly of God church for 5 years. And that's not all!

Almost five years ago, the Jayroes reopened the New Creation Church. The church was closed, had no people, no deacons, and no money. They went in there, trusting God, and the church is now a thriving, spiritually alive, and growing congregation. Brother Jack went to heaven almost three years ago, but Sister Myrtle continued as pastor. All of this took place after they were 80 years old!

Mrs. Jayroe says, *"At 86 years of age, I never felt better. I see no time to slow down or quit. Jesus promised to make us fishers of men, so let's go fishing!"* Looks like "retirement" sill have to wait a while longer for this lady. (Oh, yes, Myrtle still preaches in those high heels!)

Rev. and Mrs. Dempsey Winstead

It was at a Christmas Eve candlelight service at the Taylors Chapel PH Church in 1971 when Myrtle and Dempsey Winstead gave their hearts to the Lord. At that time their lives took on new meaning, and the Lord began to lead them toward fulfilling His will, and that was to preach the gospel. In 1973 he was granted his mission worker's license; in 1980 he joined the conference; and in 1983 Dempsey was ordained. All his ministry life, he has been bivocational, permitting him to pastor some of our smaller churches and give them quality leadership. They pastored 4 churches over their 24 years in the conference before retirement. Myrtle says, *"Our retirement didn't last very long, as Dempsey felt that God wanted him to work 'til Jesus comes."* So they accepted the Niagara Church as interim pastor about three years ago. They have been blessed with two wonderful children, Donna and Randall, and two lovely grandchildren. They love to spend time with their grandchildren, and Dempsey enjoys working in his garden, be it ever so small! The Winsteads continue to life in Rocky Mount and enjoy serving the Lord.

Just Want to Say "Thanks"

As most of you know, Rev. J. Doner Lee left us for heaven a few weeks ago. His funeral was the first to be held in the new Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle. Mr. Lee was director of our retired ministers' activities for a number of years. I was honored to be his successor.

I would like to say a personal "thank you" to *those ministers* who attended his funeral. There were a good number who did. More and more, however, it seems we do not have a lot of ministers attending the funerals of our deceased comrades. I know we are living in a different time; we're so busy; fuel is so expensive, etc., but it doesn't speak well for our profession when we do not take the time from our busy schedules to show due respect to our fellow minister and concern for his or her family.

All of us are made aware of this every time policemen or firemen, our first responders, lose their lives in the line of duty. In reading our local newspapers, I notice that men and women in these respective professions turn out in large numbers, many coming from other cities and states, to attend the funeral of a fallen comrade. In so doing, they show their appreciation for services rendered and express their love to the surviving family members. I am always touched by their sympathy, and I do not understand why we should not do the same when one of our ministers passes away.

I am sure that some ministers have had a greater sphere of influence, are better known, and have touched more people with their ministry than others. Thus, the attendance of both laymen and ministers will always vary. But, as much as possible, every minister, both young and old, should feel compelled to attend the funeral of a fellow minister.

Those family members who are grieving over their loss are greatly comforted and appreciative when their deceased loved one has been ***honored*** by the attendance of fellow ministers. It speaks volumes for our profession.

–WTC

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"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

World Missions Ministries

I've just received the September Missions giving report for our conference, and I must say that God is indeed using the people of this conference to spread the Gospel worldwide through their giving. It is vital that we support Global Evangelization (World Missions) through awareness, education, prayer, and financial commitment, and indeed *you*, the people, have responded. Compared to September '06, in **Total Missions Giving**, we're 5 percent ahead (2006 – $1,072,776.06; 2007 – $1,120,840.05). I want to congratulate and thank each participating church.

Also, thank you for participating in **Global Outreach 2007**. There is still time for you and your church to be involved in 2007 in this vital offering to enable our Missions personnel to ***"carry out the work of ministry"*** in their field of labor. We have until the third week of December to get our offering into the office in Falcon in order for it to be credited to 2007. As of this writing, we have received $316,000 in offerings/pledges.

We've also just concluded our fall **Missions FESTS** (Foreign Evangelism Strategy Training). In the three meetings, there were 241 present. There was a great time of fellowship, giving of Missions information, and training. We had a good contingent of missionaries with us, a group of local church personnel giving personal testimonies, and Brother Steve Cofer, who is the director of Itineration and Coffee House Ministries. During these meetings, we also challenged the attendees to fill the People to People banks on the tables; we received $983! That offering, added to the offerings in the banks during our district conferences, made a total of $2,540, which will go to support People to People children through Evangelism Ministries.

And speaking of **People to People**, the North Carolina Conference is now supporting over 900 children. Since the beginning of Falcon Camp Meeting on August 5, you have adopted over 80 children. Our goal is 1,000, and we're quickly arriving at that figure. Thank you for answering the call to sponsor children through People to People Ministries.

When we put the above praise report together with the fact that 2007 will see us plant/organize over 20 churches, and the reports of revival and churches being revitalized by the Holy Spirit, it is so fitting that you will be reading this article during the Thanksgiving season. Three verses of Scripture come to mind: *"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."* Neither time nor space will permit me to include all of Psalm 103; however, it is a chapter of praise for the vastness of God's grace and mercy. Verse 12 states, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."* What a mighty and infinite God of blessing, love, compassion, grace, mercy, etc. The words go on and on. In Colossians 2:7, Paul exhorted us that as we have received Jesus Christ and we are growing in Him, we are to *"abound with thanksgiving."* In this, the holiday season, we are so prone to forget the Giver of every good and perfect gift and the real focus of the upcoming Christmas season. It is now such a "man" thing: forget God and His blessing, His bounty, His making everything possible that we enjoy; "I have gotten myself to this place by my abilities, my will power, my contribution, etc." *No* and a thousand times *no*. It is God; it is all about Him. I have so much to thank Him for; I thank Him for you, the pastors/congregations of the NC Conference, and I thank you for your compassion, concern, prayers, and your *investment in eternity!*

I also want to include words of appreciation and remembrance for a great man of God and leader of the people, Rev. J. Doner Lee. From the early years of my life, I held this man in high esteem and respect. I honor his memory and am certain that he has joined that "great cloud of witnesses" the writer of Hebrews spoke about in chapter 12. He was very instrumental in my life and ministry and was the superintendent of record for each of my five pastorates. He was always a source of strength and direction. God bless his memory and his family. I thank God for the part he played and continues to play in my life and ministry.

Evangelism Ministries

It is a great day in the body of Christ. God is at work! I met Bishop D. Chris Thompson and Brother Danny Nelson less than two years ago, and since our meeting, God has done great things. I'm amazed at both the miraculous way God has orchestrated the working of His will, and how quickly He has done it. When I met Bishop Thompson and Brother Nelson, I was carrying a burden in my heart to see the people of God come together. Although this had nothing to do with the purpose of our initial meeting, as we fellowshipped, it soon became apparent to me that God was laying the foundation for something that would prove to be bigger than we were.

After hearing the North Carolina Conference vision of reaching/reflecting every racial and ethnic group in our community, and witnessing the personal commitment of both Bishop Thompson and Brother Nelson in making this a reality, I started to suspect that God was up to something. I remember the moment this was confirmed to me. It happened after a meeting with Bishop Thompson, in which he spoke openly about some things of which I had no knowledge, specifically of the racial divide that has existed (and has grown) amongst African-American saints and Anglo saints since 1913. He spoke of his personal commitment, as well as the commitment of the North Carolina Conference leadership, to change this.

As I was leaving Bishop Thompson's office, the Lord assured me that this was a season ordained by Him, and promised a mighty move of God if we said yes. That day, I said yes all the way home.

I united with the North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church in February 2006, and our church, Breakthrough Revival Center, joined the conference in September 2006. In March 2007, the North Carolina Conference Board established and appointed me to the position of African-American coordinator. Since that time, four more African-American pastors and three more predominantly African-American congregations have joined us. We have welcomed Bishop Marvin Smith and Seed of Faith Ministries (Fayetteville, NC); Pastor Donna Hawkins and the Rise Up and Walk Church (Spring Valley, NY); Pastor Larry Wright and Heal the Land Ministries (Fayetteville, NC); and Pastor Clarence Gray of the Word of Faith Church (Greenville, NC). Pastor Gray joined the conference on September 11, 2007, and the congregation will be uniting with us soon.

We are in close fellowship with eleven other pastors and congregations who are seriously considering uniting with us.

The Lord is keeping His promise!

God is working miracles in the North Carolina Conference, and the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He has set before us an open door. Let's continue to say yes to Him and walk through it ***together***.

–Rev. Stacy Hilliard
Pastor, Breakthrough Revival Center – Greenville, NC
African-American Coordinator – NC Conference

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Use Your Lifelines!

by Rev. Patsy Vaughan, Senior Pastor of Vanceboro PHC and CEM Board Member

"Who wants to be a millionaire?"

What kind of question is that? Some may say it is a rhetorical question. It is. Some may say it is a ridiculous question. It definitely is. However, it is a question that has grabbed the attention of a nation.

The funny thing to me is that we sit in our living rooms and try to coach the players. If we know the correct answer, we say it over and over again, as if they can hear us if we repeat it enough times. The other thing we do is to advise them regarding the use of their lifelines. We say things like, "You're using your lifelines too early. You're going to wish you had those lifelines later in the game." I have never understood this philosophy. My philosophy is this: 1) If I don't know the answer to the $300 question, it is a "hard" question to me, and I need some help. 2) If you walk out with unused lifelines, you didn't play a very smart game, regardless of how much money you won. In other words, don't leave any lifelines on the table!

Unfortunately, I think we do this in ministry more often than not. We're rather like the player who is trying to guess his way through, planning to save his lifelines for later in the game. Everything within me rejects this philosophy. I need all the help I can get! If I don't know the answer to the $1000 question, I'll never make it to the $10,000 question.

CEM offers many lifelines: Falcon Youth Camp, Bible Quest, Talent Quest, Systematic Bible Study, Kidz Quest, Teacher Training, Primetimers, and Family Ministries, just to name a few. Yet many of us are leaving them on the table when we really need to be using our lifelines so we can advance to the next question.

Matthew 6:19, 20 says, *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."*

I will probably never be on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* I am sure I will never, in this life, be a millionaire. However, I am on a mission to lay up as much treasure in heaven as possible. If this means using all my lifelines, it's okay. Frankly, I would be a little embarrassed to walk out with unused lifelines still on the table.

So let me encourage you to use your CEM lifelines. After all, the greatest treasure of all is touching and changing lives by the power of God working through you. CEM is here to help you lay up treasures in heaven. Please contact the CEM office to access your lifelines. *We want you to be a millionaire!*

CEM Board Member Rev. Paul Evans teaching at "The 7 Laws of the Learner" teacher training seminar.

Fresh Fire 2007 was an incredible success! We had 330 registered for the event, but on Saturday night, we had more than 450 in attendance. We would like to extend a special thanks to our evangelist, Michael Rowan, and our praise bands (Lighthouse Praise Band from Gospel Tabernacle as well as Jonathan Thompson and CEM Praise Band).

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Merry Christmas from the North Carolina Conference

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

Christmas = Merger of Three Words

Two events this year have revived and reminded me of how three words can so closely work together. For most, these three words combine every Christmas. However, I get ahead of myself.

Here are the two events. One was the birth of our first granddaughter, Eden, on May 25, 2007. For nine months we expected the event to occur in June. The expectation brought a sense of anticipation. Betty and I thought, *We must keep that day free*. We prayed there would be no unexpected challenges. We began to anticipate the event. We were planning where we would be and what we would do. The expectation led to anticipation. The anticipation led to excitement. My, how we got excited!

She came early, on May 25. We were in Vancouver, Canada. The anticipation changed to great excitement as we flew into Raleigh. We saw her that night at 10:30 p.m. My, were we excited!

The second event was the reading of Joel Rosenberg's book *Epicenter*. Pastor John Hedgepeth had suggested I read it. I expected I would be blessed. With the expectation came anticipation. My schedule kept me from beginning to read for several days after receiving the book. I read the back cover. I read the endorsements. The anticipation increased. Excitement came as I read the book.

Rosenberg's book is excellent. He cites present events in the Middle East as a fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy dealing with Armageddon. Of course, before there is Armageddon, there is the rapture. Reading the book enhanced my sense of the nearness of the second coming. His coming is imminent. He is even at the door.

Christmas, for most, carries a great sense of expectation. Schedules change. Work and workdays are normally shortened. Families get together and enjoy each other. Friends see each other and give expressions of love and appreciation.

As one's expectation rises, anticipation is enhanced. As one of my boys used to say, "Daddy, I just can't wait." One is able to see the event unfolding. One can taste the special treats. Days are counted off.

Parties are held, and gifts given early. All these festivities only increase and, yes, prolong the anticipation.

All the while in the process, excitement suddenly appears and begins to grow. It can reach such a level of intensity as to make everything else be lost. Then, at the height, come exhaustion and rest. It is a rest that is needed and a rest full of sweet memories. Yes, Christmas is a time of expectation. Expectation brings anticipation. With the union of the two comes excitement.

But what about His second coming? He *is* coming! The birth of our granddaughter and Rosenberg's book have reminded me how great the merger of the three words can be.

I expect Him to come because I believe the Book. His Book prophesied the Word/Messiah would come the first time. He came! It prophesies He will come the second time. I believe it. I expect it.

As my expectation grows, I anticipate His coming. He may come even before Christmas. He may come before my birthday in January. He may come before Eden's first birthday in May. He may come before our anniversary in June. He may come before Camp Meeting in August. The anticipation is growing.

I believe I am getting excited. I may never die. I will see Him in the air. I will see my loved ones again. I will return with Him at Armageddon. I will reign with Him in the Millennium. I will worship Him through the eternal ages! I will hear Him say, "Well done!"

Excitement is manifested in action and in passion. When we talk of His coming, we ought to feel it. It should bring joy to our hearts and praises to our lips.

So… Expect, anticipate, and get excited – He Comes!

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Shiloh PH Church News

The Shiloh PH Church (Wilson District) held Pastor Appreciation for Rev. Elwood and Jean Long and Rev. Jeff and Rhonda Smith on October 24, 2007, in our Family Life Center. The Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Christian Education, and the Church Board hosted a special night in their honor. Surprise guests added to the special night: Bishop Chris Thompson, wife Betty, and Glenn and Peggy Smith, Jeff's parents. Letters composed by Rev. Long's children were also read at the function.

Cards and gifts were presented to our pastors and their wives after delicious food was served.

Shiloh feels very fortunate to have this team serve as our leaders and pray that God will continue to bless their ministry.

—Submitted by Teresa Woodard

Retired Ministers' Birthdays
November/December 2007

Rev. Erfie Hayes	November 5
Rev. Emmett Turner	November 12
Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker	November 13
Rev. Kenneth Autry	November 26
Rev. Tommy Spikes	December 5
Rev. Paul Weaver	December 15
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Stewardship Ministries is pleased to announce its stewardship emphasis for 2008, titled "Stuart's Ship, a lesson in stewardship." It is a series of lessons geared toward children ages 7-12. The bundle includes a 32-page lesson book, a CD with reproducible lessons and activity sheets, and a DVD with videos to support each lesson. We feel strongly that teaching children stewardship principles at an early age is not only needed but an admonition in Scripture "to train up a child in the way that he should go."

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Order the Stuart's Ship Bundle by calling the IPHC Stewardship Office at 1-800-542-4616.

In reviewing this curriculum I believe it will truly help your children discover the biblical principles and what stewardship is all about: "caring for everything God has given to us."
~Elaine Wood, National Children's Ministries Director

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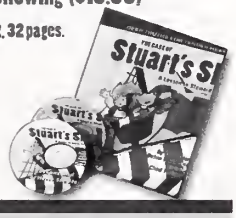

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Epicenter: Why the Current Rumblings in the Middle East Will Change Your Future

by Joel C. Rosenberg. Carol Stream, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers. 312 pages.

Through teaching Bible prophecy and the Book of Revelation for many years now, I have faithfully reminded students to keep a keen prophetic watch on the church and Israel. If one accepts a chronological order in the Book of Revelation, Laodicea represents the last stage of the Church prior to the rapture. Must more centuries pass before the Laodicean characteristics become true of the Church? The postmodern church overall is little more than a Christianized version of modern culture. Some, if not all, megachurches, are built on the "cult of personality," where image is everything. Worship is show time, and entertainment practically dominates the hour. God's Word is muzzled, and the pulpit panders to the itching ears of postmodern seekers. Guilty, according to the recent confession of Bill Hybels, of seeking converts instead of disciples, the church has to a large degree lost its depth and care for sacrifice, biblical discipleship, holiness (sanctification), and righteousness. Just as things (materialism) are in the saddle and ride mankind, what is true for the world seems true for the "church" of today.

The church ought to test and measure itself against the Holy Scriptures. Who possesses the heart or stomach to do such a thing? Through the penetrating eyes of the Lord Jesus, He saw the deplorable spiritual state of the last days' church as blind, naked and wretched. We praise God this does not have to be true of any Christian or any Church, for that matter! The promise to overcomers is God's assurance that some will remain faithful in spite of the worldly pressures and trials of life.

Second, we must be vigilant to keep our eyes on Israel. This small nation polarizes much of the world. Anti-Semitism is on the rise, again. President Ahmadinejad of Iran promises to wipe Israel off of the face of the map. Yet God loves Israel.

Recently, however, upon further review and analysis, it has become imperative to add Iraq as a key prophetic focal point. For the past few years, Iraq in Scripture has taken a lot of my "free" time, seeking to understand what the Lord is saying about the end-time Babylon. Lately, it seems that Iran, President Ahmadinejad, and the "Islamic Bomb" have taken center stage, but much of the saber rattling is in light of Israel and Iraq. Rosenberg has provided a great service to prophetically minded believers in putting some key eschatological events into perspective. He contends, "The ancient city of Babylon will emerge virtually overnight like a phoenix rising from the ashes to become one of the modern wonders of the world" (p. 173). The process of globalization and the billions of imported dollars will make this possible.

Globalization, a buzzword in recent years, simply means the worldwide integration and increasing flow of trade, capital, ideas, and people. Hasman Osman, FedEx's regional vice president, said, "Iraq has the potential to be one of the fast growing economies." Globalization will lead to a world center and a world government. Osman probably didn't have Revelation 18 in mind when he made that statement. The Word of God predicts a complete and thorough destruction of Babylon, "the lady and glory of kingdoms," where it will never be able to rebuild or "rise" again. There is no historical precedent of the destruction of Babylon similar to Sodom and Gomorrah where it shall never be inhabited (Isaiah 13:19-20). Not only will Babylon rise from the ashes to become an ecumenopolis, but it will likely become the World Center for the United Nations, returning to a Tower of Babel scenario. Babylon shall become the golden cup in the Lord's hand, which will make

the nations drunk with her wine. Since the world has become flat, the transition from Iraq's Central Bank to the World Central Bank will be quick and smooth. Money that took days to transfer internationally now takes seconds. The bottom line is clear. Babylon will again be rich and powerful in the last days!

The author has earned the right to be heard. Joel Rosenberg is the New York Times best-selling author of *The Last Jihad*, *The Last Days*, *The Ezekiel Option*, and *The Copper Scroll*, with more than one million copies in print. A former political columnist for *World* magazine, this Messianic Jew has been interviewed on over 300 radio and TV programs. This new book explains what is happening in the Middle East, providing inside information from a variety of sources, including interviews with top political, military, intelligence, business, and religious leaders in Israel, Iran, Iraq, and Russia.

The chapter entitled "Global Tensions Soar as Russia Targets Israel" reveals the intent of the leaders of Russia in regard to the Middle East and Israel. Putin addressed a conference in Moscow and called for a close cooperation and pooling (Russian) efforts with the Muslims of the Middle East as a top priority (p. 138). Ezekiel, written centuries before, provides prophetic insight as to the Russian, Persian (Iranian), Libyan, and German intentions as this anti-Israel alliance will invade Israel for her resources and for diabolical reasons.

I am grateful for this book and look forward to other prose writings from Joel C. Rosenberg.

Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate

by Jerry Bridges. Colorado Springs: NavPress. 187 pages.

One of the first experiences I remember vividly at Holmes Theological Seminary, as it was called back then, was the statement by Dr. Kenneth Benson, "You can't say the word *sin* without hearing the hissing sound of the Serpent." The word *sin* seems to have disappeared from the postmodern vocabulary. Beloved author, teacher, and popular lecturer known around the world Jerry Bridges reminds us of the nature of sin and how it works to become respectable, even in the Church.

The primary purpose of the book is "to help us face the presence of many subtle sins in our lives and to recognize the fact that, to a large degree, they have become acceptable to us. We tolerate them in our lives with hardly a second thought. That makes them more dangerous because, in addition to the basic sin itself, they can open the door of our hearts to greater sin." The second purpose is to give ways of dealing with these sins.

The author begins the book discussing the correlation between conduct unbecoming to an officer and conduct unbecoming to a saint. The Armed Forces will not tolerate unbecoming conduct, and neither should the Church of Jesus Christ. If we understand the nature of sin, then sin would be intolerable, just as tiny rattlesnakes would be intolerable in a baby's crib or poison in a Pepsi Cola. The unthinkable becomes reality when it becomes "respectable." The unthinkable breeds the undetectable because it is "respectable." Respectable sins are hard to face and difficult to confess. For example, sarcasm can be just as wrong as drinking Russian vodka. Unthankfulness can waste away the spiritual man like the loathsome disease of leprosy.

The list of respectable sins includes pride, selfishness, impatience and irritability, unthankfulness, sarcasm, anger, lack of self-control, judgmentalism, envy, jealousy, sins of the tongue, and worldliness.

The book is not written in academic style. It is simple and straightforward. The reader, however, is left with problem detected but with insufficient instruction as to what to do about it. Confronting sin is one thing; dealing with it effectively is quite another. A cancer diagnosis and treatment must go together. Perhaps a sequel is to follow? The book is about sin and offers a short chapter on the remedy of sin, but fails to address in depth as to the path to follow for full relief. The author succeeded in his first purpose, but left much to desire for the second purpose.

Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."
(Luke 2:10-11)

God created joy so that it can be spread among His children. We read all through the Bible how God's children rejoiced over His blessings, victories, and provisions. The Wise Men and shepherds rejoiced with great joy over the birth of Jesus. When you share the joyful things in life, make sure you give God the glory. With Jesus at the center of our joy, it's hard for people to think we are bragging. We are simply sharing with others the goodness of God.

We give God the glory for what He has done. This year we set $75,000 as our goal for Feast of Ingathering, and to date, we have sent a total of $70,363.31 to our church schools. Praise the Lord! You girls have worked hard, and you deserve to be honored! You are a blessing, and our young people will be blessed because of the sacrifices you have made. Thank you so much for allowing the Lord to use you to help build His Kingdom.

Also, we would like to thank the Lord for Wanda Oates. Wanda has agreed to serve on our Girls' Ministries team as board member/historian. She is a member of the Manley Grove Church in Goldsboro. She and her husband, Martin, live in Faison. She is going to be a great asset to this team. Please keep Wanda in your prayers as she steps into this new area of ministry.

May the joy of Christmas ring all through your home. The NCWM Board and I wish you a very Merry Christmas!

"Mrs. Patsy," Janice, Margie, Darnell, and Terry Ann

Breast Cancer Awareness

In October, Pike's Crossroads Women's Ministries hosted a Breast Cancer Awareness Sharing Sisters' Fellowship for the women of Jones Grove and Thunder Swamp churches. Nan Sentz-Foy, Breast and Cervical Cancer Program expert from the Wayne County Health Department, was the guest speaker. Nan shared with the ladies how important it is to take the time regularly to do personal and professional examinations and screenings. The devotion theme was three words that are often seen in relation to Breast Cancer Awareness – *Courage*, *Hope*, and *Strength*. Psalm 31 was used in the devotion to relate the three words to the battles of life we face. The battle may be breast cancer or some other struggle. Psalm 31 is a reminder that we can be brave because God is our refuge. We can have hope (believe something good will happen) because God is in control. We can be strengthened because we can rely on God's strength. The last verse in Psalm 31 says, *"Be strong, take heart, all you who hope in the Lord."*

(Submitted by Anne Gurley, Pike's Crossroads WM Director)

Above: Sharing Sisters: Pike's Crossroads, Thunder Swamp, and Jones Grove

Right: Wanda Oates

Below: NCWM Board at Emmanuel College

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"Do as I Say!"

As parents, we like the scripture that teaches children should respect their parents and honor them. We want our children to be obedient, ready to respond to our requests and commands without hesitation. Recently I came across a phrase that caused me to look at the other side of this coin: "A parent's life is a child's guidebook."

We want our children to heed our words. After all, how many parents like to say, "Do as I say, not as I do"? Yet it is not our words that our children heed as much as our actions. How many times do we do what we tell our children not to do?

We teach our children by our example. 2 Corinthians 12:14 reads, "Behold the third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be burdensome to you for I seek not yours, but you; for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children."

Parents show concern for the material goods they provide for their children, and many take great pride in knowing they are leaving an inheritance for their offspring when they die. But material goods pale beside the impact of providing for your children spiritually. You may have invested in a college fund to provide for their education, but what kinds of investments have you made for them spiritually?

Do they see you on your knees preparing daily for spiritual battle? Do they see you devouring the word of God and "hiding it in your heart that you might not sin against God"? Are you teaching them it is the spiritual riches that will last forever in eternity by witnessing to the lost when your children can hear you and giving to the needy to the point of personal sacrifice?

The world is full of role models eager to lead our youth down the road of fame and fortune whose end is too often moral depravation, depression, and even suicide. With the glorification of sensual pleasure by the media, it is no wonder so many young people want the "good life" it seems to offer.

Sadly, too many believers live so close to the edge, they model more worldliness than godliness. Too many churches are dying on the vine, void of the power of God, void of true life. It is no wonder the youth find no example there, no one they want to be like.

Christ always set an example wherever He went. Where He was, there was life, healing, deliverance, and the power of God! People gravitated to the Son of God and were mesmerized by His teachings. He said that the things he did, believers would do through the power of God. Are our young people seeing us do what Christ did? Are we fulfilling the Scripture and living as examples of Christ before our youth?

The word of God does not say, "Pastors and youth pastors will show the children what it means to live holy and be full of the power of God." To the contrary, it is the responsibility of every believer to be an example of what the Gospel does in a person's life. Believers should be living in a way that makes sinners and young people want what we have, not the counterfeit "happiness" the world makes so enticing.

2 Timothy 4:12 says, "Let no man despise your youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." God expects and equips young people to live for Him, but it is up to us to model the way for them.

It is time that all of us – parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends – begin loving our youth as we never have before. We need to believe in them, teach them, and show them God's Word in all that we do. Then they will not have to look at us and say, "What you are doing speaks so loudly I can't hear what you are saying."

I challenge you to commit yourself to living what you teach, and may God strengthen and keep you in the endeavor. After all, "with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

A personal word from your Men's Ministries director, Ronnie Basden: If I can be of any help to you, please call… 252-523-8380.

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Mary's Gifts

Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave at least two gifts to the people of this world when Jesus was born as God's Son and the child of an earthly mother.

While I was a student at Holmes Bible College, there was a yearly tradition that the girls in the dorm always took part in. Before the Christmas party, they would vote on a Madonna. The girls would vote on the one girl in the dorm who had the same personality traits as Mary, the mother of Jesus. I believe each girl, at one time or another, considered what it would mean to be Mary, with the angel Gabriel coming to her and giving the announcement that she would bear a son.

All through the Old Testament, there were prophecies that God would send a Redeemer, a Savior, and that Jesus Christ would be born to …a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be; seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:27-38)

Have you ever considered what it would be like to have an angel visit you from out of nowhere and with no warning? How would you feel after his announcement? What would you be thinking while hearing the angel's words? How would you answer him?

Mary must have been very consecrated to God in order for God to select her as the mother of Jesus the Christ! I believe that Mary not only gave the people of this world God's precious Son and our Redeemer, but she gave her greatest devotion and determination to do His Will whatever it meant for her, to be honored or to endure. How do we measure up when it comes to the question of what would we be willing to give? Are we willing to give our lives, no matter what we must face, good or bad?

I'm sure we all will hear the Scriptures read concerning the Christmas story many times during this season. My prayer is that we will ponder within our hearts the gifts that Mary gave and consider what we would be willing to give if in her place.

"And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46, 47).

2008 Minister and Spouse Retreat

The 2008 Minister and Spouse Retreat is scheduled for February 7-9, 2008. Our presenters this year will be Apostle Ron and Hope Carpenter of the Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville, South Carolina.

We hope each of our ministerial couples will try to come to the retreat. I'm sure God will use Ron and Hope Carpenter to touch our hearts in a way that we have not been ministered to before. Laymen, please make sure your pastor and spouse have the opportunity to come to the retreat.

Along with the sessions with Ron and Hope Carpenter, one of the most rewarding parts of the retreat is the fellowship with each other during the retreat. There are also small group sessions that have proven to be one of the most enjoyable times of the retreat. During this time, topics are discussed, praise reports are given and prayer requests are shared and then prayer is given for each couple. God has truly blessed our ministerial couples during this time!

Please plan to come to the retreat and to help with expenses, you can even share a suite with close friends. The rooms are very reasonable. Check out the brochure that you should have received in the mail or contact the offices for information.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Did You Know...?

Did you know that Rev. Sam L. Whichard put together a book by the name of *500+ Bright Ideas*? Within the 270 pages of this big (8½ x 11) book are helpful pages of sermons, poems, bulletins, testimonies, helpful hints such as Youth Week ideas, the Christian funeral, sword drills, and all kinds of topics to help in your ministry. There are such topics as "The Benefits of Being a Missionary," "Political Responsibilities of a Christian," and "The Effective Method of Conducting Official Board Meetings."

Brother Sam used many things he had gleaned out of his life of ministry. Brother Sam included an abundance of helps that any church worker could use in his or her own church. Each page represents single items of interest.

We have three copies of this book in Archives, so if any of you would like to come and look through these resourceful pages, I'm sure you would get a lot of helpful information. We thank the Lord for our ministers and all the information they have passed on!

If you ministers or families of ministers have any books, pictures, or even sermons that you would like to pass on to those who follow you, please bring them to our Archives. That is what we are here for, to preserve and make available items that can benefit those who come in to do research. We are here also to protect and preserve your legacy as you pass on any information to us.

Volunteers Needed!

I suppose you already know we need volunteers, but I want to impress upon you that there is a real need for people to come and help catalogue and file away the things we have received. I have a few boxes of things I have not been able to go through, with which I desperately need some help! (One thing I have learned is that sometimes you just have to drop some things in order to do something you really would like to do.) Please consider us and call me. Thanks!

Ideas for Archives Training

Our next Archives Board meeting is scheduled for January, and I'm curious to know what topics you would like to know more about concerning working on your church's history. If you would like to have a certain speaker or want to learn more about certain categories of preservation, let me know. Would you like to know more about doing interviews? We are here for you. Thanks!

Preserving Photographs

The best way to preserve photos is to put them into an archival safe, acid-free photo album. You could also put them in acid-free sheet protectors. The main thing is to separate them from the negatives and from any kind of regular paper.

If for some reason someone has water damage in his home or office, and his photos are in an album, most of the time the photos can be saved. As soon as possible, take the photos out of the pages and lay them on paper towels to soak up some of the moisture. After the photos have dried for a little while, check the backs to make sure there is no mold, and maybe even change paper towels if they are too wet. Continue to keep the pictures checked until they are completely dry. Never use any kind of heat to dry the pictures because it will cause further damage! You can use a fan close by to help the moisture dry out; just don't let the fan blow directly on the pictures because it could cause the pictures to dry too fast and cause mold.

I hope these hints will help you. Take care until next time!

—Betty T.

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

January 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years *Conference Office Closed*	2 Hispanic Board Meeting	3	4 School of Ministry	5 RR Comm. Forum & Conf. Dist. Comm. Meeting
6	7 District Conference Clinton/ Fayetteville	8District Conference Williamston/ Rocky Mount MWF Board Meeting	9 Conference Day of Prayer	10 District Conference Greenville/ Goldsboro	11 Hispanic INE	12 Archives Board Meeting
13	14 District Conference New Bern/ Morehead City	15 District Conference Lumberton/ Wilmington	16 Hispanic District Conference	17 Conference Board Meeting Bridging Ministries	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Birthday *Conference Office Closed*	22 District Conference Raleigh/ Wilson	23	24 CEM Board Meeting District Conference Seed of Faith	25	26 Women's Ministries Leadership Seminar
27	*28*	*29* SAC Supt. Advisory Council	*30*	*31* Fire and Ice—Gatlinburg, Tenn.		

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fire and Ice—Gatlinburg, Tenn.	1 School of Ministry	2Camp Freedom Work Day Team #1
3	4	5 Evangelism Board Meeting	6 Hispanic Board Meeting	7 Minister and Spouse Retreat—Myrtle Beach	8	9
10	11	12 Conference Board Meeting	13 Cross Cultural Committee	14	15 District Talent - Clinton/ Goldsboro Hispanic School of Ministry FCF Phase II Adventure	16 Dist. Talent - Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Lumberton, Wilmington
17	18	19	20	21 District Talent - Morehead City New Bern	22 District Talent - Greenville Williamston	23 District Talent - Fayetteville Wilson
24	25 Evangelism Rally	26 Evangelism Rally	27	28 Evangelism Rally	29	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
					Church Education Ministries Convention	
2	3	4	5 Hispanic Board Meeting	6	7	8
					School of Ministry	
	Great Commission Meals					
9	10	11 New Minister's Day	12	13	14	15 Camp Freedom Work Day
	Great Commission Meals					RR Commanders Award Banquet
					Women's Ministries Retreat	
16	17	18 Conference Board Meeting	19 Deborah's Daughters Board	20 Goldsboro District RR Staff Meeting	21 Good Friday	22
					Hispanic Men's Ministry	
23 Easter	24 *Conference Office Closed*	25	26	27	28	29 Archives Training
					ATF Battle Cry-Winston Salem	
30	*31*					

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 MWF Board Meeting	2	3	4	5 Conference Talent -Drama-
6	7	8 Evangelism/ Missions Day Of Training	9 Hispanic Board Meeting	10	11	12
					RR Spring Round Up - Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilson	
					Goldsboro District Round Up	
					School of Ministry	
13 Goldsboro District Round Up	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17	18	19 Conference Talent -Music-
	Evangelism Appreciation Banquets			City Quest		
20	21	22	23 Admin. Professional Day	24	25	26 Camp Freedom Work Day Team #2
					Deborah's Daughter	
27	28	*29*	*30*			

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Fayetteville District RR Round Up W.M. Director's Council - Falcon Archives Board Meeting Hispanic School of Ministry
4	5 CEM Board Meeting Retired Ministers' Retreat	6	7 Hispanic Board Meeting	8 Conference Board Meeting	9 School of Ministry	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 IPHC World Conference	14	15	16	17 Royal Rangers - Ranger Kid's Field Day
18 Pentecost Celebration-Falcon	19	20	21	22 License Examining Day	23 Ordination Examining Day Hispanic INE	24
25	26 Memorial Day *Conference Office Closed*	27	28	29	*30*	31 Royal Ranger - Ranger of the Year Competition

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Conference & District RR Staff Meeting	3 MWF Board Meeting	4 Hispanic Board Meeting	5	6	7 Women's Ministries Convention (Falcon)
8	9	10 Conference Board Meeting	11	12 JCE & JTT - NC Royal Rangers Goldsboro District RR Staff Meeting High School Falcon Youth Camp	13	14
15 Father's Day High School Camp Ends Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	16	17	18	19 Alpha Falcon Youth Camp	20	21
22 Alpha Camp Ends Omega Falcon Youth Camp	23	24	25	26	27 Hispanic Falcon Youth Camp	28 Camp Freedom Work Day Team #1
29 Hispanic Youth Camp Ends	*30*					

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hispanic Board Meeting	3	4 Independence Day *Conference Office Closed*	5 Hispanic Women's Ministry
6	7	8	9	10	11 Royal Ranger Merit Camp	12
13 Royal Ranger Merit Camp	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17 Evangelism Board Meeting	18 Hispanic School of Ministry	19
20	21 Youth Quest - Daytona, Florida	22	23	24	25	26 Camp Freedom Work Day Team #2
27	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*		

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

August 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Annual Conference
3 Falcon Camp Meeting	4	5 CEM Board Meeting	6	7 Retired Ministers Luncheon Royal Ranger - POW WOW	8 MWF Banquet	9
10 Falcon Camp Meeting RR POW WOW Ends	11	12 Conference Board Meeting	13 Hispanic Board Meeting	14	15 School of Ministry	16
17 Piney Grove Camp Meeting - 100th Anniversary	18	19	20	21	22 Hispanic INE	23 Camp Freedom Work Day Team #1
24 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	25	26	27	28	29	30
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North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day *Conference Office Closed*	2 Clinton District Conference	3 Hispanic Board Meeting	4 Royal Ranger's Basics & LTA New Bern District Conference	5 Children's Conference	6
7 Royal Rangers Basics & LTA	8 Williamston District Conference	9 SAC Meeting Lumberton District Conference	10 Hispanic District Conference	11 Wilson District Conference	12 School of Ministry	13
14	15 Wilmington District Conference	16 Conference Board Meeting Raleigh District Conference	17 Hispanic District Conference	18 Rocky Mount District Conference	19 Men's Ministries Retreat, Falcon	20 Conference & District RR Staff Meeting
21	22 Greenville District Conference	23 Fayetteville District Conference	24 Hispanic District Conference	25 Goldsboro District RR Staff Meeting Goldsboro District Conference	26 Fresh Fire	27 Hispanic 7 hours of Prayer (Districts)
28 Fresh Fire Ends	29 Morehead City District Conference	30 Seed of Faith District Conference				

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Board Meeting	2 Feast of Ingathering Missions F.E.S.T.	3 FCF Family Trace	4 Entertainment Hispanic Pastors Day
5 FCF Family Trace	6	7 CEM Board Meeting	8	9	10 School of Ministry	11
12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16	17 Royal Ranger Fall Round Up Wilson, Raleigh, Rocky Mount	18
19	20	21 Evangelism Board Meeting	22	23	24 Hispanic Missions Congress	25
26	*27*	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 RR Conference Pinewood Derby
2	3	4	5 Hispanic Board Meeting	6	7 School of Ministry	8
9	10	11 Conference Board Meeting	12	13	14 FCF Fall Trace Hispanic INE	15
16 FCF Fall Trace	17 Primetimers - Branson, MO	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Harvest Train	26 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	27 Thanksgiving *Conference Office Closed*	28 *Conference Office Closed*	29 I.C.S. & RR Conference & District Staff Meeting
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North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 District Parties	2	3 Hispanic Board Meeting	4 Retired Minister's Christmas Party	5 Hispanic Convention	6
7	8 District Parties	9 Conference All Board Christmas Party	10	11	12 School of Ministry	13
14	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	24 Conference Office Closed	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve			

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Bringing Forth Intercessors

by Rev. Louise Thompson

What is Intercession?

The dictionary speaks of intercession as "the act of interceding, mediation, pleading, or prayer on behalf of another." Intercession is prayer offered for others as directed by the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew word for intercession is *paga* (paw-gah): to strike, to dash with a sharp collision; to come into relationship, or make an impression. The word *paga* is found in Isaiah 53:12, "Therefore, I [God] will give Him [Jesus] a portion among the great, and He [Jesus] will divide the spoils with the strong, because He [Jesus] poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He [Jesus] bore the sin of many, and made intercession [*paga*] for the transgressors [you and me]" (NIV). Jesus accomplished intercession when He poured out His life unto death and bore the sins of many. He boldly went between God and man and violently crushed the head of Satan, taking back the rights and privileges that Satan had gained when Adam sinned.

An intercessor stands in the gap, as the word of God says in Ezekiel 22:30.

As intercessors, our work is to get the mind of God on a matter and to be God's person to usher in God's purpose about situations. We are to stand in the gap between God and man. We are receiving the answer from the Spirit realm into the natural realm. God calls us to pray; then He acts.

Great responsibility is involved in the ministry of intercession. As seen in Ezekiel 22:30-31, Genesis 18:23-32, Exodus 32:7-14, Psalms 106:23, and Acts 12:5-12, God seeks faithful intercessors. Those who are called to be intercessors have a divine appointment.

Characteristics of a successful intercessor

- Persistence and determination – Isaiah 62:6-7, Lamentations 2:18-19
- Patience – Hebrews 6:12
- Faith – Isaiah 64:7
- Sincere, self discipline and selflessness – Mark 14:33-35, Lamentations 3:38-50

How to be an intercessor

1. Start slowly; it is hard and intense work.
2. Read some of the great intercessory prayers of Scripture: John 17, Daniel 9:1-19, Exodus 32:7-14, Genesis 18: 22-33.
3. You need to ask God to show you His glory.
4. Make a list of people to pray for, and get going.

God has given us the authority through Jesus the anointed one and His anointing to change circumstances and the devil's work through intercession. When you enter into the Holy of Holies in fellowship with the Father, the Holy Spirit leads you and shows you what needs to be done in prayer; be obedient. When you are obedient, dynamic and powerful things happen in the spiritual realm. You can destroy the devil's work as you enter into God's presence; start worshiping and praising Him, and then ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is on the Father's heart to pray. Wait upon Him to guide you in what you pray. Whenever we pray what is on the Father's heart, we know that it will move mountains. The Word says that His word will not return unto Him void.

God is searching for those who will be intercessors, for those who can actually change the *news* to the glory of God, change *life's situations*, *circumstances*, and *people* through their fervent, upright prayers. "The effectual fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

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Abre Tus Tesoros al Rey

Mateo 2:11 – "Y al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, lo adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra."

Estamos viviendo en uno de los momentos más bonitos del año, navidad. Lástima que la gente en muchos países y especialmente en este, no le da el valor y significado correcto a la navidad y ya en algunos la mención del nacimiento de Jesús no se hace, sino que limitan todo al comercio, el consumo y las simples expresiones de: "holy days" "Holy season", "season's greetings" pero no hay mención específica acerca del milagro más grande hecho entre nosotros: "Dios hecho carne."

Una pregunta que deberíamos hacernos en esta navidad es la que leí en una revista la cual dice así: "Qué le darás al Rey en esta navidad?" Pregúntale a El, qué le gustaría recibir de usted. Observemos por un momento el versículo leído anteriormente de Mateo 2:11.

El versículo dice que cuando los magos del oriente entraron a la casa donde estaba el niño Jesús hicieron cuatro cosas: Se postraron, lo adoraron, abrieron sus tesoros y le ofrecieron, oro, incienso y mirra. Creo que también al acercarnos al rey podemos hacer lo mismo.

Note que dije podemos y no debemos, déjeme explicarlo. Los magos le dieron lo mejor a Dios porque podían, en vez de que debían.

Deber: significa que hay una obligación, indica que estamos obligados a hacerlo, pero con la obligación va un estar forzados a hacerlo, esto de estar forzados a hacer puede estar relacionado con varias cosas, pero solo quiero mencionar tres de ellas:

- Forzados por causa de las consecuencias
- Forzados por lo que hemos recibido
- Forzados por quien es la persona.

La mayoría de las veces aunque tenemos la obligación de hacer algo, generalmente no va acompañada de gozo, amor y dedicación.

Tenemos el deber de seguir, obedecer y agradar a Dios, pero esto debe ir acompañado de una actitud correcta, es decir amor, gozo y dedicación. Por eso volviendo al tema de que podemos y no solo debemos, es que nuestra adoración a Dios no debe ser solo porque debemos hacerlo sino porque podemos hacerlo. Veamos la otra palabra podemos.

En vez de que debemos, podemos darle a Dios lo mejor.

Poder es la facultad de hacer algo, es tener la fuerza, la capacidad y la eficacia. Los reyes magos tenían que dar y sabían que dar al niño Jesús, el rey. Nosotros también tenemos la capacidad de hacerlo, de poderlo hacer, de darle al Señor lo que se merece, de dar al Rey lo mejor de nuestras vidas.

Los magos no llegaron con las manos vacías, ellos sabían que visitarían a un rey y Señor e iban preparados para hacerlo.

Nosotros podemos darle al Señor lo mejor de nuestras vidas. Hagamos con Dios lo mismo que los magos: Postrémonos, adoremos, abramos nuestros tesoros y ofrezcamos de ellos al Rey; pregúntale al Rey que le gustaría recibir de usted en este día.

Tenemos la habilidad de darle a Dios.

En **1 Reyes 3:5** leemos que Dios dijo a Salomón: "… Pide lo que quieras que yo te dé."

Hoy vamos a invertir la pregunta, porque Dios también espera de nosotros que le demos toda nuestra vida, todo lo que somos y tenemos. La invitación nuestra a Dios es "Pide lo que quieras que yo te dé", si le hacemos esa invitación a Dios debemos estar dispuestos a darle lo que nos pida.

La Biblia dice que nosotros tenemos la habilidad de dar.

Lucas 11:13: "Pues si vosotros, siendo malos, sabéis dar buenas dádivas a vuestros hijos…" Dios desea y merece lo mejor de nosotros, abramos el tesoro de nuestros corazones y ofrezcamos lo mejor. No solo debemos hacerlo sino que lo hacemos porque podemos y tampoco lo hacemos porque estamos condicionados por lo que hayamos recibido de El, sino por lo que El es.

Mateo 12:35: "El hombre bueno, del buen tesoro del corazón saca buenas cosas…" No se que otros cosas habían en los tesoros de los magos, pero si estoy seguro que ellos sacaron lo mejor: Oro, incienso y mirra y lo ofrecieron al Rey. Usted no necesita cierta condición para abrir sus tesoros y ofrecer al Señor lo mejor de usted: Me

refiero a que no necesita ser rico, o haber llegado muy lejos en sus estudios, o vivir en cierto país, o ser blanco o negro, hombre o mujer, joven, niño o adulto.

Donde quiera que usted se encuentre en esta vida, simplemente abre tus tesoros y ofrécelos al Rey. Se acuerda de las preguntas del al comienzo? "Qué le darás al Rey en esta navidad?" Pregúntale a El, qué le gustaría recibir de usted? Puede ser que algunas cosas que le demos al Rey sea un sacrificio; sin embargo debe ser un sacrificio agradable a El.

Hebreos 13:15-16: "Así que ofrezcamos siempre a Dios, por medio de él, sacrificio de alabanza, es decir fruto de labios que confiesan su nombre. Y de hacer el bien y de la ayuda mutua no os olvidéis; porque de tales sacrificios se agrada Dios."

1 Pedro 2:5 dice: "...Vosotros también, como piedras vivas, sed edificados como casa espiritual y sacerdocio santo, para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales aceptables a Dios por medio de Jesucristo."

Sacrificio es "lo mejor" y no lo que más cuesta.

Hagamos la pregunta una vez más "Qué le darás al Rey en esta navidad?" Pregúntale a El, qué le gustaría recibir de usted?

Aquí hay algunas cosas que quizás Dios esta esperando recibir de usted y de mí.

- Tu corazón y tu vida a Jesús si todavía no lo has recibido como tu Señor y salvador.
- Dale tu alabanza y así la cambias por tu quejar.
- Tal vez Dios está esperando que usted perdone a alguien que tiene necesidad de ese perdón.
- Unas horas de servicio y trabajo en la obra de Dios durante la semana.
- Ministrando a la necesidad de alguna persona, supliendo algo que le hace falta, comida, ropa, etc.
- Tomar un ministerio en la iglesia para servirle al Señor ayudando a varias personas a ser mejores en Cristo.
- Compartir el evangelio con tu familia o tus vecinos.
- Dejar de vivir desagradándole a El para darle una vida de justicia, verdad y santidad.
- Quizás que te vuelvas a tu familia para cumplir como padre o madre esposo o esposa.
- Que vuelvas a los tuyos para amarlos y servirles de corazón.
- Una vida de adoración que no sea una actividad de rituales, sino que involucre tu corazón, mente, tu voluntad y la totalidad de tu vida.
- Tu obediencia y amor para el Señor.
- Una vida consagrada y comprometida con Dios y Su causa.

Los reyes magos vinieron a la casa donde estaba Jesús y se postraron: Humillación y señal de reconocimiento de que el es el Rey. Lo adoraron lo cual es una actitud de honor y reconocimiento de que El es Dios y es digno de nuestra adoración.

Abrieron sus tesoros: Disposición y entrega. Nada se sacará de los tesoros si no se abren y se ofrecen al Rey. Le ofrecieron: Libertad al Rey de que tome lo que desea, que tome la excelencia y la calidad de nuestra vida en todo lo que ofrezcamos a El.

Nuestro amado Señor Jesucristo no solo merece lo bueno, sino lo mejor. "Qué le darás al Rey en esta navidad?" Pregúntale a El, qué le gustaría recibir de usted? Creo que esas dos preguntas deben ser hechas a Dios cada día de nuestra vida, y no solo en una ocasión especial como navidad. Cuando Saulo fue encontrado por Jesús en el camino hacia Damasco, una de las preguntas a Jesús fue: "Señor, que quieres que yo haga? Esa debe nuestra pregunta durante toda nuestra vida. Y cada vez que El nos responda por cualquier medio que él desea contestar, debemos estar listos para obedecer.

Open Your Treasures to the King

Matthew 2:11 – "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh."

We are living in one of the prettiest times of the year; it is Christmas. But we aware that many people in many countries, and especially in this country, don't give the correct value and meaning to Christmas. In many places mention of the birth of Jesus is not made, but rather, people limit everything to trade or business, consumption, and simple expressions of "Holy days," "Holy season," "Season's greetings," but there is no specific mention about the biggest miracle ever done among us: "God became flesh, and made his dwelling among us."

There is a question we should ask this Christmas, a question I read in a magazine: "What will you give the King this Christmas?" Ask Him what He would like to receive from you.

The Scripture says in Matthew 2:11 that when the wise man of the East entered the house where baby Jesus was, they did four things: they bowed down; they worshiped; they opened their treasures; and they presented him with gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh.

I believe that we can do the same for the King as they did, in the way I'm going to share in this reflection.

Notice that I said we *can do* the same; I did not say we *should do* the same. Let me explain this to you. The wise men gave the best to God because they were able to do it, instead of because they should do it.

Using the word *should* means there is an obligation, something that indicates we are obliged to do it, but with *obligation* goes the idea of being forced to do it. This idea of being forced to do it could be related to several things, but I want to mention three of them:

- ✓ Forced to do it by reason of the consequences
- ✓ Forced to do it for what we have received
- ✓ Forced to do it for who the person is.

Most of the time, although we have an obligation to do something, doing it generally isn't accompanied by joy, love, and dedication. We should continue to obey and please God, but this must be accompanied by a correct attitude of love, joy, and dedication. Let return to the topic that we are *able* to do it, not just *should* do it; our worship to God should not be only because we should do it, but because we can do it.

We can give to God our best.

"We are able to do" means we have the power or faculty to do something; we have the force, the capacity, and the efficacy. The wise man had to give and knew how to give to the baby Jesus, the King. We also have the capacity to do it, and being able to do it, then what? Give to the Lord what He deserves; we give the best of our lives to the King.

The wise men didn't arrive with empty hands; they knew they would visit the King and Lord, and they went in prepared order to do it.

We could give to the Lord the best of our lives and do with God the same as the wise men did: bow down, worship Him, open our treasures, and offer of them to the King. Ask the King what He would like to receive from you today.

We have the ability to give to God.

In **1 Kings 3:5** we read that God said to Solomon, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Today we are going to change the question, because God also expects from us the same invitation: "Ask for whatever you want me to give you, God." The Bible says that we have the ability to give.

Luke 11:13: "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children..." God wants and deserves the best from us; we open the treasures of our hearts and lives, and we can offer the best to Him. I don't say just that we *should* do it, but rather, we give to Him because we *are able to give*; neither do we give to Him because we are conditioned by what we have received from Him, but because of what He is.

Matthew 12:35: "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him." I don't know what other things there were in the treasures of the wise men, but I am sure they took out the best of their treasures: gold, incense, and myrrh; and they offered those things to the King.

You don't need certain conditions in order to open the treasures of your life and offer your best to the Lord: you don't need to be rich, to have arrived very far in your studies, to live in a certain country, to be white or black, man or woman, a young boy or an old person. Whatever you are or may be in this life, you simply open your treasures and offer them to the King.

What will you give the King this Christmas, and not only in this season? Ask him what He would like to receive from you every day. Some things we give to the King could be a sacrifice; if so, it should be a pleasant sacrifice to Him because it is a sacrifice of our best.

Hebrews 13:15-16: "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise, the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

1 Peter 2:5 says, "You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Sacrifice is "the best" rather than what costs most or is most difficult to do.

Now let us ask ourselves the question of my message: "What will you give the King this Christmas?" Ask Him what He would like to receive from you. Here is a list of some things I would like to suggest to you:

- Give your heart and life to Jesus if you still not know Him as your Lord and Savior or you have not received Him.
- Give Him praise instead of your complaining conversations.
- Maybe someone is waiting on you to receive your forgiveness. Forgiving others is a way to give to the Lord.
- Give Him some hours of service in His work every week.
- Minister to a person in need of things like food, clothes, or something else.
- Take a ministry in the church in order to serve the Lord and help the church.
- Share the gospel with your family or your neighbors.
- Stop living in bad ways and give Him your life in justice, truth, and holiness.
- Maybe you must turn to your family as a true father, mother, husband, or wife.
- Maybe the Lord wants you to come back to your home and love your relatives.
- You must give Him a life of worship that is not an activity of rituals, but rather, involves your heart, mind, will, and life.
- Your obedience and love for the Lord.

The wise men came to the house where Jesus was, and (1) they bowed down: a sign of humility and recognition that He is the King; (2) they worshiped Him: an attitude of honor and recognition that He is God, worthy of worship and worthy to receive the best; (3) they opened their treasures: disposition and surrender; nothing can be taken from the treasures if they aren't opened up; (4) they offered to Him: they gave the King freedom to take what He wanted; we should offer Him what is most excellent and of the highest quality in our lives.

He deserves not only the good but also the best. Once again, ask Him what He would like to receive from you, and give it to Him, not only in this season, but every day.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Celebrating 62 Year Together!

Pastors, please remember that December is *"Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas"* Month.

All our pastors and churches have received in the mail a packet suggesting many ways the local church can brighten and make happy a retired minister and his spouse during this Christmas season. *Don't forget to express your appreciation and love to those who have contributed so much to the work of the Lord.*

(Through the years, Jean and I have collected a lot of articles and papers about Christmas. Some we like better than others, and with some we just change the words to suit our situation and true feelings. We would like to share one of them with you.)

CHRISTMAS IS CHRIST

Christmas is music . . . the music of carols ringing out in the still night air, the church organ blended with the voices of a choir singing "Silent Night, Holy Night" and "Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come."

Christmas is lights . . . the candles in our windows, the bright eyes of children and lighted trees glowing on a cold December night.

Christmas is welcome . . . the wreath on the door, the excitement of answering the doorbell, greeting friends, the warmth of hearts overflowing, "Come in, come in, and Merry Christmas."

Christmas is laughter . . . the laughter that starts in your toes and bubbles up all the way to your face and head, the feeling of closeness, of a wonderful secret shared with all mankind.

Christmas is fragrance . . . the pine and spruce smell of Christmas trees, the smell of cookies baking, the spice and raisin smell of fruitcake, and the cold, crisp smell of outdoors.

Christmas is giving . . . the presents made by hand, the card picked especially for that certain person, the gift marked "from me to you, with love."

Christmas is thanksgiving . . . to ponder how good life is, to recall the sweet memories, to forget all the less thoughtful deeds, and remember the good things others have done for us.

Christmas is Christ . . . remembering what this season is all about, reading the Christmas story with family gathered around, and realizing afresh that God so loved us that He sent His Son – *in the form of a little baby – so we could have life and life more abundantly.*

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Jernigan

As a teenage boy, Ralph gave his heart to the Lord at the Clinton PH. After his graduation from high school, he enrolled at Holmes Bible College in 1949 and continued his preparation for the ministry. It was there that he met his life's companion, Eloise Layne. Soon after his graduation from Holmes, he enrolled at Lynchburg College and graduated with a B.A. degree. He and Eloise were married on his birthday, September 15, 1953, **54 years ago**. He joined the conference in 1950 and accepted his first pastorate in 1953. Together they served 11 churches over a period of almost 40 years, retiring in 1992. All along the way, God used them to build His Kingdom both physically and spiritually. Along with being the wife of a minister and mother of two active children, Eloise returned to the classroom, earned her degree, and taught in public schools for 21 years.

They make their home in Clinton and attend the Clinton PH Church. Ralph preaches at every opportunity and serves on the Retired Ministers Board of our conference. Both enjoy good health, love to travel and read, walk a lot for exercise, and work in their beautiful yard.

Rev. & Mrs. Linwood Manning

It was 51 years ago that Linwood and Joyce decided to step out by faith and answer God's call on their lives. Not privileged to attend Bible College full time, he made use of every opportunity to equip himself for the ministry, taking courses through Southwestern Christian University and other schools. Linwood was saved in 1951, joined the conference in 1956, and was assigned his first church, Grifton. He was ordained in 1962. The Mannings have always loved the pastorate; in fact, they pastored for 15 years after they officially retired. Most of their 14 pastorates were not large enough to pay a full-time salary, but Linwood and Joyce did not let this hinder them... they went about serving the church, working part-time to make up the difference for their family, and did it joyfully. God gave them two wonderful children, Cathy and Charlene, who now have families of their own. They have three grandsons, Clay, Justin, and Davis.

Linwood writes, *"At this time we are enjoying our retirement and our families. I preach whenever the opportunity arises. We have never regretted the years of our ministry and walk with Jesus."*

December: "Adopt (Honor) A Retired Minister for Christmas!"

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism and World Missions Ministries

Recently, while standing at the kitchen counter looking at the already increasing pile of Christmas and "holiday season" sale papers, I was momentarily engulfed with this annual sense of "rush" and commercialism. I thought, *Here we go again*. I had already seen several reports on TV news outlets and read on-line outlooks about the upcoming "holiday spending" projections. With those accounts as a foundation I sighed, "Here we go again."

However, it was just at that point that the Holy Spirit checked me and, quite frankly, convicted me that the secular celebration of the "holiday season" (Christmas) should in no way interfere with my plans and purposes for this most glorious time of the year. Almost simultaneously, as I stood there, the scene and events surrounding that first Christmas flooded into my mind and began to stimulate this article and devotion. The Holy Spirit convicted me further by challenging me, "Danny, what is your approach to Christmas for this year?" Then this verse came to mind:

> ***And when they [wise men/ magi] had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense and myrrh. – Matthew 2:11***

Actually, it was one phrase from that verse that stood out to me that evening: ***"fell down and worshiped Him."*** This is indeed a joyous season, a season of celebration, of thanksgiving, of renewed commitment to our Savior and Lord. The thought of "worship" is such a massive and yet blessed thought. The whole reason of man's existence is that he would glorify and worship God. The context of the story in Matthew 2 is several months after the Bethlehem birth of our Lord. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus have moved into a home, and during these months several astrologers from the East (perhaps Persia) have been impressed of God to follow a sign (the star) to find this special child, God in the flesh, in order to "worship" Him. Acts 16:14 tells us that God "opened the heart of Lydia in order for her to be receptive to the preaching/ teaching of Paul"; I believe that several months before Matthew 2:11 occurred, God "opened" (massaged) the hearts of these wise men, though they were still pagan, and stirred the desire in their hearts to follow the sign (the star) in order to find Him, the object of their search.

In Jeremiah 29:13 God challenges Israel with this thought: ***"And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all***

your heart. The criteria for divine encounter is epitomized in that verse, and I believe the wise men had the "with-all-their-heart" attitude as they traveled several hundred miles with no definite destination in mind, no one to say, "I've been there already, and here's the directions"; God had touched and opened their hearts, conviction had inspired them, and the "star" guided them to their destination for only one purpose. Matthew 2:2 says, ***"We've come to worship Him."*** There are varying reasons for people to come into contact with the Christ: Herod wanted to kill Him; others wanted some sign from Him or to have some miracle performed for them; yet these persistent, seeking, spiritually hungry wise men wanted only to "worship" Him. Just today I read again a booklet of three sermons by the late Dr. A. W. Tozer entitled, "Worship, the Missing Jewel of the Evangelical Church." I want to extract one paragraph of many that could be written:

> *The purpose of God in sending His Son to die and rise and live and be at the right hand of God the Father was that He might restore to us the missing jewel, the jewel of worship; that we might come back and learn to do again that which we were created to do in the first place – worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, to spend our time, in awesome wonder and adoration of God, feeling and expressing it, and letting it get into our labors and doing nothing except as an act of worship to Almighty God through His Son Jesus Christ.*

When they came into the house, no time was spent telling of their credentials or explaining the details of their long and arduous journey. According to the chronology of Matthew 2:11 the priority of their search-and-find was not the "treasures," but the vital need to *worship* Him. During this great time of the year, let us not relegate the act, the emotion, the feeling

of true worship to second place on any list of "things to do" for Christmas. Our priority must be to "worship Him," to give Him the worth due His great name.

"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable [indescribable] gift"!

(2 Cor. 9:15)

From Rose,
Nicole (EV/WMM secretary),
and me –
we wish you a joyous and blessed Christmas!

We worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

"Please Don't Forget Me!"

by Paul Evans, CEM Board Secretary/Treasurer and Senior Pastor of Wilmington First PHC

As the holiday season unfolds and then drags on, becoming an endless twilight zone, someone should shine the light of attention on Sunday school. It is evident that there are only 24 hours in the day. You have to sleep for about eight of them. Most of us do with less; that is why we are so crabby, difficult to get along with, and sometimes inefficient and ineffective! Nevertheless, we have to work with what we have and shoulder all the responsibilities of life, and somehow at the same time find room for Sunday school.

When it comes to the holiday season, we can either try to go at it from the perspective of business as usual, or we can try to use this disruptive period for some innovative and creative Sunday school ministry. Now, just in case you think I am being Scroogey about Christmas, I am not. But we do have to be realistic about the pressures we will be under to produce Christmas plays and have parties, cantatas and so forth. It would take a giant heart not to find this at least a little daunting and wearying!

Here is where we need to look at our Sunday school philosophy once again. Sunday school has two important roles in the church. Both are important; one might say equally important. The goal is to produce disciples. This is what Sunday school aims at doing. We are the teaching arm of the church, whose job is to produce spiritual maturity and to equip people for ministry and leadership in the church. This also includes the spin-off benefit of evangelism that arises out of having an effective Sunday school!

The most obvious role of Sunday school, of course, is teaching. This is the primary and most obvious ministry in Sunday school. It should be done well and professionally by people who care and take time to prepare to do it effectively every week in the classrooms of your church building. But the other role of Sunday school, equally important, is to be the catalyst for producing and sustaining real relationships and lasting friendships in the church and body of Christ. In a smaller church you might be able to get by with neglecting this function of Sunday school, but in a larger church, with more members or attendees, this aspect of Sunday school becomes increasingly vital.

Without strong relationships, things break down quickly in church. The whole point of salvation is to bring people to Christ and to introduce them into a fellowship of believers with whom they can effectively serve God over the long haul. The absence of meaningful relationships often, even frequently, dooms salvation experiences to ultimate failure for lack of support and encouragement.

So why not take advantage of Christmas and use it as an excuse to develop those relationships? Parties are obvious ways to cultivate friendships. But why not encourage well-established and mature Christians to invite newcomers or growing believers to go Christmas shopping? Why not invite your class to do the decorating of the church as an exercise in fellowship? You could always plan a Christmas trip to some landmark or Christmas play or activity. Why not plan a Christmas ministry event either at a nursing home or some other place that is often overlooked? Carol singing followed by a light meal and hot chocolate is a good idea to bring the class and believers together. Got a big yard? Can you light a fire on a very cold night? Have a fireside fellowship with hotdogs and marshmallows. There are a number of creative ways you can bring the class together in order to develop relationships and create an environment of encouragement in Sunday school.

Merry Christmas!

Merry Christmas from the CEM Department!

We in the CEM Department pray that you and your loved ones have a blessed, safe, and joyful holiday season!

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

I Start the Year

Very soon now we will begin a new year. How will you start the year? I am really looking forward to New Year's Day this year. Last year, the conference was in the midst of the Azusa East celebration. It was a great event, but very time consuming. The preparation even cut short the Christmas celebration. When I was growing up, the Thompson family began the year with a full breakfast of eggs, grits, sausage, etc. Sometimes the sausage would be substituted with country ham and red eye gravy (real red eye gravy has a little coffee in it). Lunch would be some pork product and plenty of black-eyed peas (with onions) and collards. Sometimes we would enjoy some great crackling bread. Mom always said that each black-eyed pea would mean a dollar in the new year. Praise the Lord! Supper was always leftovers, but normally not much was eaten. Betty and I do not now follow all the traditions, but we do still love the black-eyed peas. Mom cooks them, as she specializes in black-eyed peas. With inflation, perhaps the peas are now worth $100 each. (It is a wonderful thought!)

How will you start the year? Many will make New Year's resolutions. I have never really gotten into all that, but there are some things I plan to do this year. I plan to worship Him! The Father is seeking true worshipers—John 4:23. My heart cries out for more of His presence in my life. I plan to serve Him. He has created me to serve Him in my own special way. All my gifts and talents have been provided that I might do His bidding. I plan to obey Him. He has plans for me. These are plans to help me reach my fullest potential. His plans are not to harm but to bless (Jeremiah 29:11). I plan to be thankful. I plan to be thankful for all His blessings of family, friends, and opportunities. I plan to seek Him in every set of circumstances. With the seeking, I will look for miracles and see His working in all situations. I plan to be faithful. There are many things that I cannot do, but I can always be faithful. My faithfulness will be proven in my commitments and in all aspects of my stewardship.

Jeremiah gives a couple of verses that can speak to the new year. Here they are. Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green, and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

None of us is able to know what the new year holds. Yet Jeremiah tells us that the man is blessed who puts his trust in the Lord. He then uses a vivid example to prove His point. That man has hope. Hope is defined as confident expectation. What a powerful way to begin the new year—with trust and confident expectation in the Lord.

The illustration given is one that everyone can understand, especially in our present drought conditions. A tree planted by the waters that spreads her roots near the river is certainly positioned for all the water that is needed. Such a tree would not focus on temperatures or circumstances. Heat would not concern it. It would just tap into a little more water. Leaves would always have an abundant supply. The appearance would be of health and blessing. The foliage would give the hint and expectation of fruit to come, and fruit would come.

The Christian is not exempt from the curses of the world. Heat, drought, and other adversities will come, but there is a difference for the Christian. He is rooted differently. He has a trust and hope that the non-Christian does not have. He looks and acts differently. He is able to bear fruit even in adverse conditions.

These promises and thoughts are a blessing going into a new year. It is a perspective of thinking in "faith reality." It is not a mater of making resolutions; it is a matter of making faith expresions. It is a matter of knowing who we are in Him. It is a matter of living by His priorities and not the world's pressures. It is a matter of living in confident expectation.

What an environmnet in which to live! Each new day begins in a different way. Each day ends in a different way.

What will your New Year's Day be like? What will your year be like? Start the day right. Think right. Live right. Move in trust and hope.

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Reverend William H. (Harold) Lewis

February 7, 1927 – November 29, 2007

Reverend Harold Lewis had been sick for some time. He had been a resident of the Britthaven Nursing Center of Pamlico for several years. In the last few days, he had been looking for a place to cross over to reach his heavenly home. On Thursday, November 29, at 12:50 p.m. he found a place to cross over. His Lord and Savior met him on the other side—absent in the body, present with the Lord.

Harold Lewis was a man of God and preacher of the gospel. He had become possessed with the desire to represent Christ and lead as many as possible to the Lord. He was an evangelist and soul winner. He had a passion to reach people for Christ and compassion to care for their souls. He was a pastor as well, one who cared for their lives. He was a conservative preacher who believed strongly in the lifestyle of Holiness. Praise the Lord!

Brother Lewis was converted in 1949 in the Brambleton Church in Norfolk, Virginia. He very quickly accepted to call to preach. He had been known as the boy preacher. Even before he was saved, people referred to him as a preacher.

He received his mission worker's license in 1950. He was licensed as a local pastor in 1958. Both these credentials were granted by the Eastern Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church (now called Redemption Ministries Conference.) In 1966 Reverend Lewis transferred to the North Carolina Conference. He was ordained in 1978.

Reverend Harold Lewis evangelized some 13 years and pastored 27-plus years before his retirement in 1990. In total, his active years of ministry amounted to some 41 years. He pastored the Petersburg, Virginia, church from 1959 to 1962. In 1966-1967 he pastored the Lowland/Hobucken charge (two churches). In 1967 he became the full-time pastor of the Lowland Church and continued there until 1990. After his official retirement in 1990, he pastored the Woodsville Church for a short while.

The celebration service was held on Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., December 2, 2007, at the Lowland Church. Bishop Chris Thompson and Brother Lewis' two preacher/pastor sons, Terry and Phillip, spoke at the service. The Lewis children sang songs that their father loved and enjoyed. This trio, composed of Reverend Phillip Lewis, Reverend Terry Lewis, and their sister Sharon Lewis Rice, is widely known and enjoyed by all. Sister Sharon serves as the secretary/treasurer of the Lowland Church and the local postmaster. It was a powerful service. It is a testimony to a man when all his children work for the Lord.

Brother Lewis was laid to rest in the Lowland Community Cemetery. At the graveside, Reverend Victor Bacon, a member of the extended family, spoke. Reverend Wiley Clark presented the conference medallion for retired ministers to the family. Mr. Larry Jernigan presented a flag to Sister Frances Lewis. Brother Lewis was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Pastor Terry Lewis read the transfer letter for Brother Lewis from the Lowland Church to the church in heaven. All sang the timely hymn "Amazing Grace."

Reverend W. H. Lewis is survived by his precious wife and companion of 59 years, Frances. He leaves his children: Sharon Rice and husband, James; Phillip Lewis and wife, Tammy; and Terry Lewis and wife, Marie. There are four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He leaves a brother, Michael, and three sisters: Mabel Carawan, Marilyn Murphy, and Victoria Paul.

I first met Pastor Harold Lewis at the September district conference in 1986. He has always been supportive of my ministry. When I was able to visit him in the nursing home, I always left being encouraged and enriched. He was consistently faithful to his conference. Never was he late in his commitments. He will be missed, but our loss is heaven's gain.

D. Chris Thompson
Superintendent/Bishop
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The following article from missionary Sharon Wooten is excellent. The readers of Evangel *can benefit greatly from it.*
Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Servants and Stewards, Not Celebrities and Stars

1 Corinthians 4:1, 2: ***"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God**. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* Paul was addressing the issue of the Corinthian church's becoming puffed up in their belief, claiming their right to all that was promised when some promises would be fulfilled only at the coming of Christ's kingdom. It is such a clear picture of the church today.

Too many ministers of the Lord are erroneously teaching that wealth means the favor of God, that success must mean they are spiritual. Too many ministers are trying to be celebrities and stars when we were never called to that. We are called to be servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Before I am written off as having no faith, I want to state that I do believe God can meet our needs, and if He wants to bless us, it is His business. He owes us nothing; all that we have comes only because of His grace and mercy. We would do well not to take those blessings for granted and become spoiled in our thinking that somehow God owes us something.

We have done a great injustice to the church when we have caused people to equate "stardom" with the presence and favor of God. We have tried to create our own idols out of the "successful," and we have multitudes running after people instead of God. I am sick of seeing these celebrity ministers flash their big rings and ask the crowds, "Don't I look good today?" They have mastered the art of working up the crowd with their "tickling ear" clichés. And if the crowd is confused by the junk they are preaching, the fallback is always, "You're not getting this! You don't hear what I'm saying!" We have raised a bunch of immature, ungodly, spoiled children running around performing, "acting" like ministers of the Gospel, and the crowds worship them like celebrities. I have seen ministers refuse to come to the platform until the crowd has stood on its feet and clapped loud enough to appease them. I have heard of ministers throwing the mike at the congregation because it wasn't loud enough. I know of ministers who will not pray for individuals until they have given him a large some of money.

What a shock to realize that Jesus never once asked for an offering to cover the expenses of the meeting! He never asked for "faith" pledges, and wasn't it Jesus who washed the disciples' feet instead of requiring a day in a spa for Himself before ministering to the crowd?

Recently here in Nairobi, there was a widow dying of AIDS. Her pastor told the congregation that God would not heal them unless they gave a large amount of money. The widow and her children went without food to save enough money to get that pastor to pray for her. (This pastor tells the congregation not even to give money unless it is at least a certain amount. He stands and watches the amount of money being put in the offering as the people pass by.) This poor family sacrificed for the chance that maybe this mother could be healed. Finally they had enough, and the preacher prayed, but the woman died. What kind of god has this preacher shown these precious children? A god who is selfish, hateful, and manipulating and cares nothing about the broken, hungry heart of a child without a mother. God help us all.

Are wealth and fame the favor of God? *No!* What a shallow foundation we are teaching when we say that if we have enough faith, we can make everything in our lives wonderful, we can rebuke every attack of the enemy, and nothing can hurt us. We are making people think that God owes us something because it is our *right* as believers. When was the kingdom of God ever a democracy? God is a Sovereign. And here's the kicker: Jesus promised us persecution. I shudder to think of the great falling away if—no, when—hardship comes to the church. The thought crossed my mind, *We think that "flashy," celebrity-looking Christians must have God's favor and presence, but could it be that their foundation of faith and relationship with God is so shallow that God could not dare trust them with persecution? Their "give me, give*

me; it's my right" foundation might crumble. We think God has abandoned us when we get to the grocery store and the bread is out. What is wrong with us as a church?

I came to serve the women of Africa last year, and God shared with me that He was raising up an army of women who had gained their faith through difficulty. Wherever I travel in Africa, I find women who have struggled with abuse and poverty, suffered through wars, lost their husbands, and been left to raise eight children on their own with no job. But in the midst of it, these women have become giants of the faith. They pray, and the walls shake. Their praise is so pure that the presence of God immediately floods into the building. I have often said to God, "God, I can't teach these women anything. I need to learn from them!"

I've spoken with women in the Congo who have lost everything—husbands, children, houses—in the war. They have not even had vegetables because the army would take any crops they had. But these women walked seven days through the mountains to come to a three-day women's conference. And not once did they ever complain about what life had brought them. They only talked of God's faithfulness. I wept as I saw their passion for God.

Now you tell me, who has the presence of God? Who is really rich? Who is walking with God instead of pretending that God is walking with them?

Paul said he was a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God. What is a steward? He's not the owner; he's the operator. He manages the owner's affairs and "only exercises the power, resources, or responsibilities given him with the interests and the mind-set of the owner at heart and in focus" ("Kingdom Dynamics" commentary on 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2, *New Spirit Filled Life NKJV Bible*).

I am so convicted that as ministers we must remember that *we don't own it!* Our work, our ministries, our success—they're not ours! We're just here operating what He owns. Our job is to do what *He* wants. That means to do our ministry in such a way that if God Himself were here, He would do the same. We have to learn to think as He does. In everything we do, and every time we preach, minister, or make decisions about God's kingdom, we should be focused on what He would want.

We worry about what people think of us and whether our messages will please people; we somehow feel good if someone says, "Good talk today, preacher." We worry about whether our work is good enough. Are we "successful," and who decides what "success" is, anyway? *And it's all because we are trying to own what does not belong to us.*

And, boy, do we ever judge others. Two pastors meeting each other cannot converse for five minutes without asking, "So, what size congregation do you have?" And the measuring stick of success is immediately raised. Of course, numbers mean success. Obviously if the preacher can get the people in, then he must be anointed, regardless of what he may be teaching.

Paul says (1 Cor. 4:3-7), *"But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.* [A good steward is selfless. He is faithful to do what the owner wants, never once thinking about what the "kickback" will be. A good steward is never puffed up or prideful. He will go through whatever it takes to do what the Lord would want.] *Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. For who makes you differ from another?* ***And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"*** (NKJV, emphasis added)

We have learned to master our talents and rely on them to "work the crowd." We have valued performance over relationship, and we have

presumed the anointing would show up just because we are standing in the pulpit. Ps. 78:9-11 tells of the tribe of Ephraim that did just the same. They thought they had the talent to fight, but when trouble came they could not stand: *"The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They did not keep the covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law, and forgot His works and His wonders that He had shown them"* (NKJV). They thought they owned it. They forgot that what they had came only from God and only because of obedient relationship with Him as stewards and slaves.

Ps. 78:18 says, *"And they tested God in their heart by asking for the food of their fancy"* (NKJV). We have lowered the quality of our relationship to God to asking for the food of our fancy. What is the food of our fancy? A big ministry? Lots of money? The praises of man? Our selfish, stiff-necked attitude has disgusted God. So the result of this has become to us like Psalm 78:33—"Therefore their days He consumed in futility, and their years in fear" (NKJV).

The church today has more than it has ever had. Bibles are available everywhere, even online, and there are more versions of the Bible than we can count. There are TV, radio, and Internet teaching and ministry. We have the best sound systems, DVD projectors, music, and lights; we have it all. Yet we are an unhappy, dissatisfied, and spoiled bunch of Christians. Everything is futility, and we are ruled by fear.

Paul lived a much different life. Paul suffered much. He sarcastically contrasts his path with the puffed-up church in 1 Cor. 4:8-13: *"**You are already full! You are already rich! You have reigned as kings without us**—and indeed I could wish you did reign, that we also might reign with you! For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last, as men condemned to death; for we have been made a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are distinguished, but we are dishonored! To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless. And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; being defamed, we entreat. We have been made as the filth of the world, the offscouring of all things until now"* (NKJV, emphasis added).

We brag about America being the most blessed nation of the world, a godly nation, where the church is victorious, and all the while, Islam is taking over the world. We are in a third world war, and the church is clueless. We are promised persecution, and it is coming, but no one wants to hear about that. And nothing is being done to prepare the church for it.

The result of all this "celebritism" is that we have a church with lots of "tickling ear" words but no power of God! We get emotionally stimulated by some person's new "get your blessing revelation," but we walk away unchanged and without any power of the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor. 4:18-21 says, *"Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. **For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power**. What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?"* (NKJV, emphasis added)

My cry is, "Oh God, we need a *real* demonstration of the power of God in our churches today!" Everyone is speaking in tongues now because Pentecost has become popular, but where's the power? And, "Oh God, where is the conviction of the Holy Spirit?" When was the last time that people fell on their faces and lost track of time as they wept bitter tears of repentance crying out to God, "Change me! Cleanse me!"

Please understand that I am in no way pointing fingers and being disrespectful of the position of shepherd. I am deeply convicted in my own life and have wept as I have seen my own attitude about "my ministry" and wanting to look successful. I feel so convicted that a voice must rise up to bring us back to what we are supposed to be: slaves of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

What could be done for the kingdom of God if we longer squabbled about who got the credit for things done for God? What could be done if we would just let Him own while we operate? God help in these last days to get us where He needs us to be so the church can once again look like Him, talk like Him, and act like Him! God help us all!

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
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The Majesty of God in the Old Testament: A Guide for Preaching and Teaching

by Walter C. Kaiser, Jr. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic. 174 pages.

The word *majesty* conveys various meanings to different people, and sometimes is misunderstood and misused in ways that are not true to Scripture or the glory and honor of God. Sometimes our thoughts of God are too human. He is not one of us. Collectively we cannot even begin to measure up to Him in terms of His greatness. The *maiesta Dei*, or "majesty of God," is the supreme eminence of the divine essence and attributes and is usually paired with the glory of God. When one worships His majesty, one worships God, not the majesty. The pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire were not God but representations of God. He is a person, not a symbol or some representation. The mercy of God represents an attribute of God, but He cannot be identified as mercy. His attributes essentially reveal His nature. God is good, but goodness is not God. God is great, but greatness does not sufficiently describe His person. Who is able to fathom God altogether? God can be comprehended, but in many ways is beyond our comprehension because His incomprehensibility touches on His majesty, or supreme eminence.

Kaiser stated, "The word 'majesty' comes from the Latin root that means 'greatness.' To describe someone as majestic is to speak of that person's greatness and to offer our respect for who that person is. But the fact is that there is no one like our God; he is incomparably magnificent and awesome in all his person, works, and plans!" Yet the author contends that much of our preaching and teaching suffers from a mediocre view of God's majesty, and furthermore that the people of God starve for the awesomeness, greatness, and sheer majesty of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

The Majesty of God in the Old Testament consists of ten chapters (1) "Magnifying the Incomparability of God – Isaiah 40:9-31," (2) "Magnifying the Greatness of Our God – Daniel 4:1-37," (3) "Magnifying the Word of Our God – Numbers 20:1-13," (4) "Magnifying the Wonderful Name of Our God – Jeremiah 32:1-44," (5) "Magnifying the Pardoning Grace of Our God – Micah 7:11-20," (6) "Magnifying the Holy Spirit From Our God – Zechariah 4:1-14," (7) "Magnifying the Awesome Character of Our God – Psalm 139:1-18," (8) "Magnifying the Glory of Our God – Ezekiel 1:1-28," (9) "Magnifying the Grace of Giving From Our God – 1 Chronicles 29:6-19," and (10) "Magnifying the Holiness of Our God – Isaiah 6:1-13."

It's so easy to get excited about this book. My mind goes into high gear, thinking and considering ways to incorporate this into the preaching or teaching schedule.

Each passage, masterfully outlined by one of the most recognized authorities on preaching the Old Testament, Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., has given an introduction, adequate explanation, and conclusion with applications for intentional purposes provided to help the hearers practice the Word. Each chapter serves as a model for preaching and teaching. The contents capture a glimpse of the incredible greatness and glory of Almighty God.

God-centered preaching must return to our pulpits across America. This book will assist those who seek to honor God in Bible preaching. Haddon Robinson commented, "Those who preach about the greatness of God do business in deep waters. *The Majesty of God in the Old Testament* by Walter Kaiser will help all of us who read, teach, or preach to navigate those waters." Although we have experienced a drought in eastern North Carolina in recent months, it is refreshing to take a dip in some deep, refreshing waters of the majesty of God.

All Bible study ought to lead to the worship and praise of God, who is majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders. The only true "seeker" in Church is the Father, who seeks such to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Let us recapture the wonder and true worship that focuses on the Lord and gives reason for a jubilant outbreak of praise and wholehearted devotion in continuous service to God.

Relativism: Feet Firmly Planted in Mid-Air

by Francis J. Beckwith and Gregory Koukl. Grand Rapids: Baker Books. 188 pages.

Back in the 1940s, the great historian Arnold Toynbee used the word "postmodern" and explained its meaning for the world. For a few decades, the term or concept wasn't used a great deal, since "modernism" played a major role in colleges and universities. Since the late 1990s and beginning in the 21st century, postmodernism has taken front stage and is widely discussed and debated around the world.

At the heart of the problem of postmodernism is "relativism," or a denial of absolutes. In the valid and trustworthy tradition of C. S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer, Beckwith and Koukl explore the inconsistencies inherent in the relativist position, and seek to simplify the terms and concepts so that the reader can comprehend how postmodernism and relativism affect truth, culture, politics, and religion.

If my memory serves me correctly, it was Francis Schaeffer who first used the phrase "feet planted in mid-air," which simply means that postmodernists have no foundation; they are guilty of making definitional clarity an impossibility, and essentially making life meaningless. When the world becomes meaningless, it becomes dangerous. This is precisely where we are today. We live in a dangerous and evil world. Our culture is experiencing a schism of the soul as postmodernists in the media, politics, and religion affect people in adverse ways. The authors stated, "If there is no truth, nothing has transcendent value, including human beings. The death of morality reduces people to the status of mere creatures. When people are viewed as things, they begin to be treated as things." Our world is in a downward spiral since we were told that God is dead; then truth died, and when truth died, ethics perished with it.

The book comprises 5 major parts with a total of 16 chapters. The authors explain relativism and the influences of relativism, and then offer ways to respond to relativists that may win some to Christ.

Toynbee, by the way, concluded after studying 26 civilizations and their demise that when people abandon meaning and morality, the society disintegrates. He predicted the fourth phase of Western civilization, dominated by anxiety, "irrationalism," and helplessness, would mark the end of the Western world, since it would be unable to anchor itself to any universal ground of justice, truth, or reason. Even so come, Lord Jesus. Happy Reading!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

January/February 2008

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Behold I make all things new"
(Revelation 21:5)

By the time you receive this issue of the *Evangel*, all the Christmas decorations, lights, and trees will be taken down and put away for next year.

I love the sound of the word "new." To me, it represents hope and fresh beginnings. At the start of each new year, we often reflect on the past and look toward the future. I'm amazed at how fast time has passed and pray that in the new year we can accomplish new things.

If you remember, during the 2007 fall district conferences, Bishop Thompson shared with us the 2008 theme for the church is *"Together."*

The NCWM Board and I are looking forward to seeing how God will work in our lives and yours in 2008. Ephesians 3:20 says that God is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to His power at work within us.

We will begin with our leadership seminar on January 26 at Grace Family Fellowship PH Church in Robersonville, NC. All WM leadership is encouraged to attend. The theme is *"Up, Up, and Away."* WM Day programs will be distributed at this meeting, as well as other vital information to help you in this new year. Our goal is to touch on areas of ministry where you are right now, such as ministering to special needs and leadership development. Make plans now to join us for this time of training.

Remember, *"Together We Can Make a Difference."*
In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Destiny Awaits...

November 1-5, 2007, the General Women's Ministries held training for all conference WM & GM directors in San Antonio, Texas. This is the only official meeting of the General Directors' Council during this quadrennium. Lydia Mills and I had the opportunity to attend and participate. It was absolutely wonderful, and we will be sharing a lot of this great information with you as we plan upcoming NC Conference WM/ GM training.

NC Conference Girls' Ministries Director Lydia Mills in San Antonio, TX

HARVEST TRAIN 2007

"The Ragamuffin Bear and the Forgotten Toy Box" was the theme for this year's program. Thank you for your participation. The total cash received from North Carolina was $106,668 and commodities, $28,302. (These were the numbers announced on Tuesday, November 20. We believe more has come in since Harvest Train.)

Best Decorated Vehicle was awarded to the Manassas PH Church from Manassas, VA, and the Holly Hill PH Church from Vanceboro, NC.

Holly Hill Missionettes preparing for Harvest Train to begin.

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As I reflect back on 2007, I am so thankful for what we were able to accomplish. It was the biggest year yet for going to so many churches and sharing the depth of our ministry. Our Men's Advance that was held in September with Brother Rod Handley certainly touched and changed the lives of many men.

I thank God for what we stand for and who we are. When Men's Ministries and Royal Rangers brought our members together for the Bridging Our Ministries conference, a new day was made. A construction of bridges began at that conference that is still going strong today. This *bridge* is not built just to go from one side to the other, but to branch out to all of our ministries within the International Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

You see, there is one main road across, and that road is God. We have put all of our trust in Him, and we shall go where He leads. There are great things that lie ahead of us, and it is exciting to follow the road of victory with our Lord and Savior.

Ephesians 4:12 reads, *"For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."* This simply means ministries are to learn and grow in God so they can proclaim the message of redemption to the entire world.

I believe as we work together this year, we will certainly see lives change and God's Kingdom come to life in the lives of men and women.

Men, we need to know that there is a "**Greater Yes**." Brother Dan Erickson will share this with us in September.

God Bless,
Ronnie Basden

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Start the Year With Thankfulness

I would like to start off the New Year with thankfulness for each of our friends and family. Many of you have been so generous and thoughtful toward Chris and me in the past year. We have received gifts, cards, and many kind words that have encouraged us as we serve you. Thank you for all of the gifts and remembrances! One of those special gifts has been your thinking of us and praying for us regularly. We could not do anything without your prayers and concern.

Let me say here for Chris and me that we love you, and you are in our thoughts and prayers constantly. We thank God for each of you, and our prayer is that through the coming new year, each of you will be abundantly blessed by our God.

Each day brings us closer to the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and we must hold each other up in prayer as we get ever closer to that day! "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more, as ye see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:22-25).

Let us pray for all Christians everywhere, but especially for your brothers and sisters in Christ who are being attacked by Satan. Many Christians in other countries are being persecuted every moment of every day, and we have no idea of what they are going through!

At this time of the year, we tend to look to the future with hope and assurance that God will lead and guide us. We also begin thinking of what this year could hold and to pray for the Lord's guidance in all that lies ahead in our lives for this year. We cannot see the future, and I'm sure most of us would rather live our lives without knowing what is to come, and therefore we are able to live a victorious Christian life. I am thankful that God knows our goings and comings and that He loves us so much He will be there for us no matter the situation. He is a faithful God and is ever near when we need Him.

As we begin this new year, let us worship our Lord in thankfulness and praise for all that He is to us. It is unimaginable what life would be without God in our lives! Let us thank Him, show Him our thankfulness, and demonstrate His love to others. We were put on this earth to reach out to those who do not know Him and have no hope. Let us make this year the most profitable year ever in reaching souls for Jesus Christ, the Savior of all!

Don't Forget!

Don't forget the Minister and Spouse Retreat scheduled for February 7, 8, and 9, 2008, at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The speakers will be Ron and Hope Carpenter of Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville, South Carolina. Please plan to come and receive what the Lord has planned for you and your spouse. Many couples who come for the first time look forward to the next year before they even leave the Retreat. You will not regret taking the time, and we all need times of fellowship with our spouses and with one another. Come expecting God to bless in many ways. We look forward to spending time with you.

May God bless until next time!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

New Year – New Beginnings

With a new year, we always look to new beginnings in our lives, whether personal or spiritual. It is a refreshing feeling to know that we can start all over again and maybe improve on those things of the past year. We look forward to having a clean slate and being able to change our lives around a little, if not completely. During the months, weeks, and days of the year, we tend to get bogged down in the everyday sameness and tend to settle into a rut with our lives. I find myself thinking of changing things around to make the situation better and maybe more efficient.

This year in Archives, I would like to get a new start on organizing our information. Since coming to the Archives, I started out with a few things from here and there, but as collections have come to us, there needs to be a reorganization. There is much to be done to achieve this goal, but I know with your help, we can get there. There are pictures that need to be filed separately from paper items; display items need to be stored separately from the storage and preserved items; interviews need to be transcribed onto paper; and then there is the overwhelming job of having every item cataloged into the system to be pulled up for reference.

If you are bored and want something to do or would just like to learn more of your church's history, give us a call, and we would love to show you what we have available here at the conference office.

I hope that many of you will start the new year with a determination to sort through all of your mementos and things you have collected through the years, and pass your pictures, letters, posters, church histories, and *Evangels* on to us. Our purpose is to protect those things from our past that show the experiences of those that made the way for us. We need to be more aware of how hard it was for our forefathers to hold onto their beliefs because of criticism and being ridiculed. Many holiness people were persecuted for what and how they believed, but God brought them through, and we are definitely thankful for them and their sacrifice.

In this new year, let us determine to hold up the standards of what we believe and not be influenced by those voices around us in the news media. Let us hold fast to the Word of God and the Truth. I thank God for His Word in my life!

Did You Know....?

Did you know that during the Eighth Annual Ministers' Institute (later became Christian Workers' Institute), the North Carolina Conference joined forces with the Western North Carolina Conference for services in Falcon? The dates for the institute were April 23-27, 1951. Bishop Joseph A. Synan of Hopewell, Virginia, general presiding officer of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, gave lectures each morning at 11:00 and in the evening at 7:45. His principal subject was eschatology. Rev. Harold Paul was the teacher of a Sunday school class at 10:00 a.m. every day. There were also classes at 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and at 3:00 p.m. There were over 200 in attendance and participating in the classes. (N.C. Conference *Evangel*, June 1951)

We also have a picture that was taken of the event. If you could give us the names of any of those who attended, we would appreciate it. I have a printer problem, and so I am not able to scan the picture right now, but I will have it available in the near future.

May God bless you in this new year, and our prayer is that God will keep you all in the center of His will! Until next time...

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Activating the Supernatural Favor of God

In Matthew 6, Jesus gives us three principles that activate the supernatural favor of God. In essence Jesus said, "If you will do these three things, the Father will reward you openly."

I believe that as we act upon these principles *together* in the first days of this new year, we are actually setting the stage for 2008, and when we follow these three commands, we will break through into a higher realm of spiritual living. Jesus said in Mt. 6:1, "Take heed that ye do not your alms [or your giving] before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven." Verses 3 and 4 – "But **when thou doest alms**, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: **and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly**" (emphasis added).

Mt. 6:5 and 6: "And **when thou prayest**, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and **thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly**" (emphasis added).

Mt. 6:16-18: "Moreover **when ye fast**, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and **thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly**" (emphasis added).

Jesus said, "When you give... when you pray... when you fast..." Jesus did not say, "If you give... if you pray... and if you fast..." So these are three things Jesus expects His church to do. Jesus gave, Jesus prayed, and Jesus fasted, and because of that, He had the approval of God the Father. No man is above the Master; therefore, these are three disciplines that the Body of Christ must embrace. We should give, we should pray, and we should fast. How you live and how you give has something to do with the activation of the supernatural power of God.

1. When You Give – January is stewardship month, and firstfruits belong to God. We are to honor the Lord with our substance and with the firstfruits of all our increase. If you want God's favor, God expects you to tithe. If you want God's favor, God expects you to give. God so loved the world that He gave, and when we give, it's the Father's nature being expressed through us. Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom." God has promised to bless you when you give, and Jesus said, "When you give, the Father will reward you openly." So give unto the Lord and expect God's blessings. You have God's word on it.

2. When You Pray – There are set laws that govern prayer, and the way you handle prayer and the way you approach God has everything to do with what you receive from God. Some people pray only when they are in trouble, but Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray." God said, "Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." People who get things from God pray, and they seek God until the answer comes. Daniel fasted and prayed for 21 days waiting for an answer from God. If he had stopped on the 15th or the 20th day, he would not have gotten his answer, but he persevered until the answer came.

3. When You Fast – Jesus said, "When you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you don't appear to men to fast, and the Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly." The church at Antioch **prayed** and **fasted** and ministered to the Lord. And when they did, the gifts of the Holy Ghost went into operation. Acts 13:2: "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." God said in Isaiah 58:6, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" Look at verse 8: "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward."

Jesus said, "When you give... when you pray... and when you fast..." If we want to activate the favor of God and the supernatural gifts of the Holy Ghost, we need to start 2008 with a spirit of giving, a spirit of prayer, and a spirit of fasting, and the Father who sees in secret will reward us openly.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Unidos Sirviendo Al Señor y Ayudandonos Mutuamente

Basado en el lema de nuestra Conferencia "Unidos" para este año 2008, en el ministerio Hispano, hemos adoptado el lema: "Unidos Sirviendo Al Señor y Ayudandonos Mutuamente." Dios nos ha hablado que este año, es un año de cosecha; es una cosecha que debemos recoger de las semillas que hemos sembrado. El Señor ha prometido multiplicar nuestras semillas en frutos abundantes que en forma individual recogeremos, pero también una cosecha que juntos como iglesia y ministerio vamos a levantar. Es por eso que tenemos que unirnos en una sola mente y un solo propósito; que no estamos solos y que en unidad nos haremos mejores unos a otros y aseguramos victoria tras victoria en la obra de nuestro amado Señor Jesucristo.

En Santiago 5:7 dice: Por tanto, hermanos tened paciencia hasta la venida del Señor. Mirad como el labrador espera el precioso fruto de la tierra, aguardando con paciencia hasta que reciba la lluvia temprana y la tardía."

En este versículo el labrador representa a cada uno de nosotros y este labrador espera. Aquí la espera está relacionada con el fruto que va a recibir después de su labor en el campo. Esta espera es un deseo intenso con expectación de recibir cosecha. Podemos aprender tres aspectos importantes de esta primera parte del verso:

- El labrador representa una labor ardua y dedicada
- El labrador es una persona con experiencia y capacidad
- El labrador siembra su semilla
- El labrador vive con expectativa de obtener su cosecha

Así en este año 2008 debemos actuar con la mentalidad de trabajar duro, adquirir más y mejor conocimiento en lo que hacemos, sembrar nuestras semillas con generosidad (tiempo, dinero, servicio, etc.) y vivir en expectativa de recibir los frutos de nuestra siembra. Recordemos que sin siembra no hay cosecha y que lo que se siembra bien, se cosecha bien.

En este mismo versículo hay otra palabra que me llama la atención y que está relacionada con otra cosa: "aguardando con paciencia hasta que reciba la lluvia temprana y la tardía". Lo que el agricultor aguarda con paciencia es el fruto, sin embargo note el término "hasta". Hasta es una palabra que señala el momento en que comienza una acción o el momento en que habrá de ocurrir algo. En el versículo anterior, aguardar es tener la disposición o estado correcto de ánimo el cual incluso se refleja en el semblante; es un anhelo y esperanza. Este labrador no deja de anhelar y esperar hasta que las lluvias vengan. El sabe que las lluvias le darán el escenario para sembrar y recibir sus cosechas.

Una cosecha abundante y una provisión amplia dependen de estas lluvias. Como todos saben, la lluvia temprana es necesaria para comenzar el labrado de la tierra y la lluvia tardía sirve para madurar las cosechas y ser recogidas; por otro lado también entendemos que las lluvias son símbolo de la visitación de Dios. Por supuesto que Dios tiene muchas maneras de manifestarse y visitar nuestras vidas y su pueblo, a este respecto deseo sugerir lo siguiente para un nuevo año como el que estamos comenzando:

- La lluvia no es algo que depende del agricultor, pero si desea recibir una cosecha, debe prepararse y arreglar las cosas. Con esto en mente, vivamos de tal manera que muestre por nuestra forma de vivir que estamos preparados. El descuido, la negligencia y la falta de visión deben estar ausentes de una vida que espera recoger abundantes cosechas.
- Lo sobrenatural pertenece solo a Dios; lo imposible está en Sus manos, nuestra expectativa también debe estar dirigida hacia el recibimiento de manifestaciones poderosas y más allá de nuestra capacidad humana. Espere milagros viniendo de la mano fiel y poderosa de nuestro Dios para este ano.
- La disposición y estado de ánimo varía por las circunstancias en las que estemos viviendo, pero nuestra expectativa de fe en el corazón y la confesión de nuestras palabras deben concordar con lo que Dios ha dicho. Creamos y confesemos lo que Dios ha dicho y vivamos con ese estándar todo el año.
- Anhelemos, oremos y esperemos una visitación de Dios que venga a suavizar nuestros corazones

y prepararlos para producir abundantes cosechas que multiplican nuestro gozo y glorifican a Dios. Es una visitación de Dios sobre nuestras vidas, familias, iglesias y ciudades.

Unidos nos podemos animar, ayudar, guiar, sostener y exhortar para preparar la tierra de nuestro corazón, en espera de la lluvia de Dios que madure la semilla que El ha sembrado en nuestro espíritu y obtenga el fruto esperado.

Que Dios le de un año 2008 lleno de victorias y lleno de frutos.

Together Serving the Lord and Helping Each Other

Based on the theme of our conference, "Together," for this year 2008, in our Hispanic ministry we have adopted the theme "Together Serving the Lord and Helping Each Other." God has spoken to us that this year is a year of harvest, a harvest that we ought to reap out of the seeds that we have sown. The Lord has promised to multiply our seeds in abundant fruits that we will pick up individually and as a church and ministry. This is the reason we need to unite ourselves in one mind and in one purpose only, so that we are not alone and that together, we will make each other better and will ensure victory upon victory for our Lord Jesus Christ.

In James 5:7 the Bible says, "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain."

In this Scripture the farmer represents each one of us, and this farmer waits. Here the wait is related with the fruit he will receive after his labor on the field. This wait is an intense desire with expectation of receiving the harvest. We can learn four important aspects from this first part of the text:

- The farmer represents one very hard and dedicated worker.
- The farmer is a person with experience and ability.
- The farmer sows his seeds.
- The farmer lives with expectation of receiving a harvest.

The same is true in this year 2008: we ought to act with the mentality of hard work, to obtain more and better knowledge in all we do, sow our seeds with generosity (time, money, service, etc.), and live with expectation to receive the fruits of our sowing. We need to remember that without sowing, there is no harvest; and what you sow well, you will reap well.

In this same Scripture there is one other word that caught my attention, and that is connected with the other one: "...waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain." What the farmer waits for with patience is the fruit; therefore note the word *until*. *Until* is a word that points to the moment in which one action begins, or the moment in which something will happen. In the verse before, to *wait* is to have the disposition or the correct status of mind that also is reflected in the countenance; it is a yearning and a hope. The farmer does not stop yearning and hoping until the rain comes down. He knows the rain will give him the scenario for sowing and receiving the harvest of his seeds.

An abundant harvest and a large provision depend on this rain. As all we know, the early rain is necessary to start working on the soil, and the latter rain helps to ripen the harvest and reap; on the other side, we also know that the rain is a symbol of God's visitation. Of course God has many ways to manifest and visit our lives and His people. To this point I want to suggest the following for this new year we just starting:

- The rain is not something that depends upon the farmer, nor on us, but if you want to receive a harvest, you must prepare and make arrangements in your life. With this in mind, let's live in a manner that shows by the way we are living that we are ready. Neglectfulness, carelessness, and lack of vision must be absent from a life that is waiting to reap an abundant harvest.
- The supernatural belongs to God; the impossible is in His hands; our expectation also must be directed to receive powerful manifestations beyond our human capacity. Wait for miracles coming from the faithful and mighty hand of God for this year.
- Willingness and state of mind are very variable because of the circumstances in which we are moving, but our expectation of faith in the heart and the confession of our words must agree with what God has said. We believe and confess what God has said; therefore, let's live with this standard the whole year.
- Let's long, pray, and wait for a visitation from God, which comes to make our hearts easy and soft and prepared to produce an abundant harvest that multiplies our joy and glorifies our God—a visitation from God to our lives, families, churches and cities.

Together we can support, help, guide, encourage, and exhort each other to prepare the soil of our hearts and wait for the rain coming from God that brings to ripeness the seed He has sown in our spirits in order for Him to receive the fruits He expects from us.

May God give you a year full of victories and full of fruits in 2008.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. W. Harold Lewis

Went to heaven on Nov. 29, 07!

134 ATTEND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

That's right! In spite of the extremely high fuel prices, 134 retired ministers, their spouses and spouses of deceased retired ministers braved the cold weather to attend this annual gathering. And to hear them talk, it was worth it!

One retired minister couple said, ***"We have many reasons for attending and it's not just to eat. The food is always good, but to have the fellowship of other senior ministers and their wives, to feel the love and appreciation we have for one another, is worth the trip. I can't wait for our next gathering!"***

Mrs. T. O. Todd, who turned 91 years old a few months ago, was excited about coming. She insists that the Christmas season is her favorite time of the year because she gets the opportunity to see her friends *(she refers to them as her "family")* of many years at the Christmas Luncheon.

The program for this year was outstanding. Rev. & Mrs. Roland Harrell always blesses our hearts with their music. Mrs. Juanita Russell gave an outstanding Christmas recitation. Rev. Jerry Hannah, one of our own and an anointed gospel singer, sang his songs to the Glory of God as the Lord warmed our hearts with His presence.

Even though 134 attended, there were many who could not...and for good reasons. Generally speaking, most folks retire when they reach 65 years old (some go far beyond that age), and with each passing year, age takes its toll, the body becomes weaker and often diseased. Some who have attended such functions for years, gradually stop. Others have made their way across the river into a better world.

In 2007 we had 2 of our retired ministers leave us. **Rev. J. Doner Lee**, who endeared himself to us while serving as Superintendent of our conference for 21 years and **Rev. W. Harold Lewis**, pastor of the Lowland PH Church for many years. Both of these great ministers gave their lives in service to the Master and their homegoing services were glorious and a fitting tribute to their well lived lives.

The retired ministers of our conference are some of the best people in the world. They deserve our love, respect and appreciation for the contributions they have made to all of us and the Kingdom of God.

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. John B. Parker

John & Edna
50 Years

After serving as active overseas missionaries for 42 years, John and Edna Parker retired from being full status missionaries. John, however, continued working as a roving teacher to several mission fields such as Europe, Asia and countries in Latin America. Edna officially retired in 1993 and John in 1997 but little changed in so far as their work was concerned. John became quite engaged with the conference Hispanic work, serving on the Leadership Board as well as on the Conference Board of Evangelism. He serves at intervals as interpreter for Conference officials when they are called upon to minister in Hispanic settings.

In 1991 Edna and John set up residence in Dunn, North Carolina because Edna's mother was no longer able to live alone. She moved in with them and Edna cared for her until her death in 1995.

On the first Sunday of 2002, John began as a Sunday school teacher at Northwood Temple in Fayetteville, NC. The class is made up of Seniors, the same class that Ada Lee Thurman had taught for several years. Along with the Sunday school class, both John and Edna serve as **Directors of the Senior Eagles which include all the seniors at Northwood**. For eight years they have made annual trips with the Missions-Medical teams of Northwood to Latin American countries - Nicaragua, Honduras, Argentina, and of late to the Dominican Republic. They serve mainly as interpreters for doctors and nurses along with any opportunities to preach in the churches.

John was given license in the Conference in 1945 and has now completed 62 years of preaching as a conference member. Edna joined the conference in 1951, having been commissioned as an overseas missionary that same year. They are both in good health and can usually go a full day's journey every twenty-four hours. They have completed 58 years of marital bliss that have been filled with humor, laughter, travel and learning. They have one son, David, who lives in Oklahoma and who serves as the Director of the General Church Extension Loan Fund. God has bless them with two grandchildren (Ryan and Jennifer) and on June 28, 2007 they became Great Grandparents.

The Parkers are careful to give their Heavenly Father all the praise and glory for all their wonderful years of ministry - preaching, teaching, traveling, and learning.

They were named the **"Poster Retired Ministers For 2006"** by the Retired Ministers Department of our Conference. They are true examples of people who have given their lives for the cause of the Gospel. We bless them and thank them for their life and ministry to the church and our conference.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism

The year 2007 was indeed an eventful and blessed year for which we give God all the glory and say thank you for all your support and effort to advance the call of Evangelism. God has truly placed before this conference the open door of Evangelism and Kingdom expansion. **"Together"** is our theme for this year, and I anxiously anticipate what God will do through the family of churches in North Carolina. We are beginning to reflect the cultural diversity represented in our region. Though 2007 was a year of significant advances and growth, we can by no means "rest on our laurels." In the past two years ('06/'07) alone, we have seen 30-plus church plants and organizations take place; however, in 2008 we must continue to evangelize our communities by soul winning, believing God for revival and harvest, and subsequently planting/mothering new churches. 2008 can be the greatest year of revival, harvest, and planting/mothering churches we've ever experienced. There are continuing interest, burden, and passion among our existing churches for planting/mothering churches. Again, I assert that we are by no means saturated with churches. There is unlimited potential in our churches for new souls to be added to the Kingdom, and there are numerous possibilities for new church plants. There are also many existing independent full-gospel churches that are interested in an established umbrella (denomination or movement) of which to become a part for accountability, training and fellowship. The North Carolina Conference stands ready to offer that covering as well as emphasize church planting. We must come together as in Acts in prayer, fellowship, praise/worship, ministry/discipleship, revival, harvest, and celebration. Prayer is listed first for the simple reason that without prayer—powerful, persistent, and continuing prayer—the church will not fulfill the Great Commission. We must come together in **prayer**.

Ours goals for 2008 are simple: to plant/expand by at least 20 new churches; to see our conference membership go well beyond 30,000; to experience genuine revival in every location in the North Carolina Conference family; and to see harvest take place. We are beginning this month to stress **City Quest (April 17-19)**, an intense church planters' school, open to church planters, pastors who want to mother a church, and interested independent pastors. There are church planters sitting in our congregations; we must identify them, mentor them, train them, ordain them, send them out to plant, and support them. Watch your mail, conference newsletters, and future *Evangels* for more information on this phenomenal, denomination-wide event!

In the fall of 2008 we will have a time of training, encouragement, and training for pastors and leadership of existing congregations who want to break spiritual and numerical barriers. More will be forthcoming to you on the timetable for that training.

At the close of 2007 we are investing support to (assisting) 13 churches in Evangelism Ministries. In addition, the following is the list of newly planted, received, and/or organized churches in 2007. Again, to God be the Glory!

Here is the list of newly planted, received, and/or organized churches in 2007

Spring of Life (CTM) – Winterville, NC
Bethesda (CTM) - Edenton, NC
Christian Church of Wilson (CTM) – Wilson, NC
Word of God (CTM) – Cincinnati, Ohio
Mount Sinai (CTM) – Albemarle, NC
Agape Lighthouse (Start-up) – McGhee's Crossroads, NC
New Beginning – (CTM) – Clarkton, NC
Bridge – (CTM) – Goldsboro, NC
Seed of Faith (Start-up) – Bladenboro, NC
Sinai – (CTM) – Beaufort, NC
Goose Creek – (CTM) Oriental, NC
Good News (Start-up) – Jacksonville, NC
Potter's Vessel (CTM) – Linden, NC
Hope Hispanic (CTM) – Smithfield, NC
King of Kings (CTM) – Greenville, NC
Restoration & Power (CTM) – Mount Olive, NC
Bethel – (New/Organized-Existing Church Received into the IPHC) – Stanfield, NC
Christian Church of Wilmington – (*Organized)
The Journey – (*Organized) – Plainview, NC
New Destiny – (*Organized) – Greenville, NC
Christian Family Center – (*Organized) – Elizabethtown, NC
Word of Faith – (**New/Organized-Existing Church Received into the IPHC)–Farmville, NC
Seed of Faith – (**New/Organized-Existing Church Received into the IPHC) – Fayetteville, NC
Heal The Land Ministries – (**New/Organized-Existing Church Received into the IPHC) – Fayetteville, NC
Rise Up & Walk Ministries – (**New/Organized-Existing Church Received into the IPHC) – Spring Valley, NY

MISSIONS

This year will prove to be a record year again in World Missions participation and giving in the North Carolina Conference. Our Global Outreach participation has been phenomenal! The top church in the offering is Greenville First, pastor Paul Brafford with $20,300. That offering is greatly appreciated, and pastor Brafford and his congregation are to be commended. However, *every* church that participated is to be commended, and with all of you participating, we have received over $317,000 (our goal was $310,000).

Through October we have received $1,256,871 in total Missions giving, as compared to October 2006 – $1,192,321. That is a 5.5 percent increase! We're on track to burst through $1.7 million for the year! Thanks to you, and again, to God be the Glory!

My challenge for every pastor in 2008 in missions is not simply a percentage increase but a question–

What is your vision for global evangelization?

Again I assert, we've only scratched the surface in Missions involvement. Our goal for Global Outreach for 2008 is $330,000, which is included in the total missions figure – that goal for 2008 is $1.8 million. We can easily break through that goal as we come "together" in ministry and involvement.

I am excited at some special events we have scheduled in Evangelism and in World Missions for 2008. In the coming weeks and months, we will provide more thorough information to you about each event.

In the meantime, remember:

We're investing in eternity!

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Primetimers

by Sarah M. Salter, CEM Department Secretary

In Church Education Ministries, we believe it is our responsibility to reach out to people of all ages and minister to them in a relevant and effective way. One of our greatest joys over the past few years has been the Primetimers' Retreat. Primetimers are the special folks that have been blessed to reach the age of 50 and beyond. Instead of inviting them to attend yet another conference or seminar, we take them away from it all for four fun-filled days of food, fellowship, travel, and ministry.

In the past, our retreats have taken us to destinations such as Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Nashville, Tennessee. This year, we went to New York City via Philadelphia and came home through one of our favorite places: Lancaster, Pennsylvania. You can see from the pictures that we have a fabulous time, but it is also all about ministry. Primetimer Virginia Brigman from Culbreth Memorial PHC in Falcon explains this special ministry: "Some of these folks wouldn't be able to get out at all if Charles Boyd and his leaders didn't make it possible. Charles plans this trip in a way that everyone's needs are met. We can go and travel all over with good, Christian people and have a wonderful time! He and Laura and Jon and Nicole Oliver just go way beyond what they have to, to accommodate everyone. They are such a joy!"

Primetimers Jerry and Susie Taylor from Saint Paul Church in Greenville echo this sentiment, saying, "It was one of the most enjoyable trips that we have taken. We loved the trip and have already signed up for next year! If someone wants to go on a trip and just show up with no worries, this is the trip for them!"

Faye Bland from Saint Paul Church in Greenville admits, "I have never had any desire to go to New York City on my own, but when the opportunity came to go with the Primetimers, I took it. I had a wonderful time hanging out with people that I don't get to see on a regular basis. I am looking forward to many more Primetimer trips in the future!"

It isn't too early to get your name on the mailing list for the 2008 Primetimers' Retreat. We will be going to Branson, Missouri, on November 17-22. If you would be interested in receiving more information about this trip, please call Sarah at 910-980-1162 or send her an e-mail at cem@nc.rr.com!

Primetimers Leadership Team: Laura and Charles Boyd, Nicole and Jon Oliver

The NC Conference Primetimers in Philadelphia, PA

L-R: Charles Boyd, Michael Hubbard, David Moore, Andre Davenport, and Bill Terry

In an age when godly male role models are few, there is a man whose love for boys and whose love for God is obvious. For over 22 years, Andre Davenport of The Capital Church has given his time and energy to encourage boys in their walk with Christ. In November 2007, Commander Davenport was awarded the first ever National Commander of the Year award for his work in the Royal Rangers program in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. In attendance to honor him that day were NC Conference CEM Director Charles Boyd, National Royal Rangers Commander David Moore, National Men's Ministries Director Bill Terry, and Deputy National Royal Rangers Commander Michael Hubbard.

God's Word promises us that if we send out disciples, they will, in turn, disciple others. Commander Davenport takes this promise seriously! Commander Davenport currently oversees 44 boys in his local church body. He is also the conference commander over approximately 50 outposts in the NC Conference. He has ministered to over 1,000 boys and hundreds of commanders over his years with Royal Rangers.

Upon receiving this award, Commander Andre gave his "Oh, Shucks!" shoulder roll. At first glance, he seems to be a quiet, reserved fellow. His boys, however, can attest to Andre's humor and spontaneity—qualities that are essential when working with youth. Above all, Andre loves and serves Christ wholeheartedly. Put all these characteristics together, and you have the 2007 National Royal Rangers Commander of the Year.

Thank you, Commander Andre Davenport!

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Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

– John 15:13

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Boardman Dedication

The Boardman Pentecostal Holiness Church is alive and well. They have come a long way since their early beginnings in the late 1800s. The church was first affiliated with the Fire Baptized Church and joined the North Carolina Conference in 1909. It is one of the oldest churches in the conference.

The church is presently being pastored by Reverend Jesse (Jay) and Anne Weaver. They are doing an excellent job. Recently Pastor Weaver, the board, and the church members adopted and approved construction for:

A 12- by 24-foot heated/cooled foyer
An 18- by 22-foot covered drive-through
A 15- by 20-foot covered walkway
A 14- by 18-foot covered fellowship porch
A paved horseshoe driveway

These are beautiful additions and add a great deal to the church. They certainly enhance the overall presentation of the church and will add many blessings to the use of the church.

The construction began in June 2007 and was completed in October 2007. The total cost of all the improvements was $65,099. The church borrowed from the Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund in Falcon to complete the project.

The renovations were dedicated on December 2, 2007. Reverend Bobby Williams, Conference Board member, led in the special dedication services. He did so in the absence of Bishop Thompson, who had been called away to preach the funeral of Reverend W. H. Lewis. Lunch followed the service.

The dedication day was a blessed day. A spirit of rejoicing was present due to the blessings of God. Brother Williams preached a marvelous message, *and* the food was just fantastic.

Praise the Lord for His blessings at Boardman. Well done, Pastor Weaver and team!

The North Carolina Conference and Her Churches: Benefits to the Local Churches

The above title is the subject of the January district leadership meetings with the conference superintendent and other conference leaders with the pastors and local church leaders. The subject presented was not exhaustive but was intended only to offer certain topics with materials to benefit the local churches.

This year the theme of the North Carolina Conference is "Together." The goal is **to get her** (the conference and the churches) to be in the center of His will. We certainly do better together.

"But God... hath quickened us together with Christ and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together, in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." —Ephesians 2:4-6

"And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." —Isaiah 40:5

A "real" conference serves her congregations. All churches are served, but not all in the same way. Each must be served in a manner that most significantly addresses its strengths, and challenges its opportunities, limitations, gifts, skills, preferences, and kingdom potential. The word *real* attached to the conferences implies that they are genuine, authentic, biblically sound in doctrine, exceptional, positive, essential, mission-minded, and evangelistic. They care more about making kingdom progress than striving to make the conference more of an institutional presence.

Serving congregations is the real thing. Strategies, systems, and structures are designed to empower congregations as the primary focus. The needs of the congregations are met.

In the early '90s the focus of conferences changed in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The focus became not one of an institutional head – headquarters – but one of a Resource Development Center – RDC for short. That focus continues.

Resources, staff, and services of conferences are organized to help congregations achieve excellence in ministry. Conference families celebrate what happens in the life and ministry of congregations.

This is not just talk. It has become reality. For example, the North Carolina Conference has been on a journey to a tithe from the churches. Prior to the year 2000, the churches were expected to send 20% of their tithes and offerings to the conference. That structure resulted in a conference with many benefits to the churches and their clergy.

In the year 2000 that amount was cut to 18%. Other cuts followed: 2002 – 17%, 2003 – 16%, July 2003 – 15.5%, January 2004 – 14.5%, July 2004 – 14%, 2007 – 13%, and January 2008 – 12%. In January 2009, the amount will drop to 11%, and to 10% in January 2010.

These have been drastic cutbacks, yet the conference family and services have not greatly been adversely affected. In fact, due to the Lord's blessings and the increased faithfulness of churches and ministers, the finances of the conference have increased. New employees have been hired. The campus facilities have expanded and been upgraded.

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This journey to a biblical tithe can be reached if the following occurs:

1. All clergy and churches remain faithful.
2. Fully supporting churches continue.
3. Non-fully supporting churches move to fully supporting.
4. Everyone will put God to the test and be obedient.

One hundred percent participation is needed from all the churches and the clergy.

Note the percentages of the conference budget. Funds are focused toward the local church and clergy. Twenty-four percent goes to Clergy Retirement; 16 percent goes to Evangelism and Church Planting; 8 percent goes to Church Education Ministries; 1 percent goes to a Sabbatical Program for pastors; and 51 percent to Administration and Capital Improvements. In addition, the conference offers and manages a loan fund for churches and clergy. The fund presently contains over $17 million. Ten percent of the tithe from the loan fund goes for a counseling program for clergy and their families.

The above information on finances is offered as an example to show the heart of the conference toward the churches and clergy. Jesus said if you can find a man's treasury, then you have found his heart.

Churches are empowered to fulfill their vision in kingdom growth. All are not served the same way. They all are different. Congregations are empowered to multiply themselves. (Over 25 new churches started up this year; praise the Lord!) Empowerment is given for churches to be effective, faithful, and innovative. They are encouraged to transform on a strategic journey to kingdom potential. Churches are supported. The conference serves as a resource broker. Models of successful ministry are offered. Conflict management services are available. The overall purpose is to increase the congregational capacity to minister.

These ideas were presented in the leadership meetings. In addition, many practical suggestions were made in vision, church insurance, financial accountability, incorporation, local church boards, and structure in general.

Special Note: Leadership is indebted to the teachings and ministry of Dr. George W. Bullard, Jr. He recently published a series entitled *Real Denominations Serve Congregations: Seven Practices of Greatness*. Some thoughts here came from Part One of that series.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

February/March 2008

Rev. Harold Turpin	February 1
Rev. Sherwood O'Neal	February 2
Rev. Hildred Potter	February 8
Rev. Frank Gentry	February 18
Rev. Tim Henry	February 26
Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. James Herring	March 26
Rev. Mrs. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Mrs. Della Stewart	March 29

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CHURCH NEWS

Reverend Elton E. Lancaster

April 27, 1921 – January 2, 2008

The celebration service for Reverend Elton Elwood Lancaster was held on January 5, 2008, at the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. The clergy participating were Pastor Ashley Smith, Bishop Chris Thompson, Reverend Wiley Clark, and son-in-law Reverend Bethea Moore. Those ministering in song were son Ken Lancaster, Reverend and Mrs. Roland Harrell, and Reverend and Mrs. Wiley Clark. It was a service of power and reflection. In addition, a graveside service was held in the Rocky Mount Memorial Park on January 6.

Rev. Elton Lancaster was born in Duplin County to Elwood and Hattie Mae Lancaster. He went to barber school in Winston-Salem in February 1938. While there, he attended a revival at the Winston-Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church and was saved and sanctified on April 11, 1938. He was baptized in the Holy Ghost on April 24 and later baptized in water by Rev. Ralph R. Johnson, his pastor, at a millpond near Calypso, North Carolina.

He married Edna Hodges on April 13, 1942. Their union was blessed with two children, Joyce and Ken. She died from cancer on May 19, 1972. They had served the Lord faithfully together.

On December 29, 1973, the Lord blessed Pastor Lancaster with a second companion, Barbara Kirtner Cochran. They ministered together for over 34 years. Barbara became an instant wife, mother, grandmother, and pastor's wife.

Rev. Lancaster had prepared for ministry after his call at Holmes Bible College. He studied there for six years, finishing high school and then college. He was licensed by the conference in 1955 and ordained in 1957.

During his years of active ministry, he pastored the following churches: Garland, Albritton (Pink Hill), Lamm's Grove, Jones Grove, Airboro, Shelmerdine (Family Life Tabernacle), Rehoboth, Spring Hope, Hodges Chapel, Goshen, and again at Hodges Chapel. His longest pastorate was at the Goshen Church for seven years. He served 31 years as a pastor and retired from pastoring in 1986.

During his retirement years, Brother Lancaster served six years on the Falcon Town Council and several years on the Conference Retirement Committee/Board.

Throughout the years, God continued to be faithful in every situation even to January 2, when he was called home. He was always a loving, giving, caring servant of God who loved his family, friends, and church. His family and church family are thankful for the legacy that has been passed on to the next generation through his love and faithfulness. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy continues.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back Into the Box

by John Ortberg. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 254 pages.

Although not everyone in the world agrees that the object of life is to be rich toward God, knowing one's purpose in life is the key to life satisfaction and fulfillment. However, the key belongs to God, the Creator. It is not enough to know one's purpose according to one's own moral compass; one must know the purpose of life according to the One who created people.

Drawing from the game of Monopoly, Ortberg provides excellent stories and illustrations about prioritizing one's life. Stuff in our lives is only temporary. Titles will one day no longer impress anyone; what is written on the memorial stone will become only an eroding and fading memory. People who live on the "hedonic treadmill" and only for the temporary are going to be very disappointed. Wise people build their lives around what is eternal.

The author wrote, "We're playing our game of life on a giant board called a calendar. Time will always run out, so it's a good thing to live a life that delights your Creator. When everything goes back in the box, you'll leave this life knowing you've achieved the only victory that matters." What matters is being rich toward God, which includes loving God and others through service. He added, "Being rich toward God means making that which is temporary become the servant of that which is eternal."

Ortberg is an excellent writer. The contents of the book characterize the foolishness of living only for the moment and the wisdom of living now in light of eternity. He provides excellent quotes and useful material for Sunday school lessons and sermons. For a young person or young couple struggling with finding the true balance and purpose of life, this book would make an excellent gift.

The God Who Justifies: The Doctrine of Justification

by James R. White. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Bethany House. 394 pages.

For a while now I have been hesitating to write a review about this book, but recently, after hearing Bishop Thompson speak about one of our deceased ministers and how he loved doctrine and discussing doctrine with others, I was so moved to finish what I had started, at least in my mind.

No minister of the gospel should fear discussing Bible doctrine, no matter how complex or controversial it might be. True Christians never retaliate. The doctrine of justification divides the church, and since it is not within the scope or purpose of this review to answer all questions about this great doctrine of the faith, an attempt will be made to explain its importance to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Whether one disagrees or agrees with the premises, presuppositions, and principles of James R. White or others of similar doctrinal persuasion, every Christian ought to want to arrive at a clear understanding of justification. Since the days are evil, and part of the role of evil is to distort the precious doctrines of the Christian faith, it is therefore imperative for the Christian to have a firm, absolute conviction about justification by faith.

Maurice Roberts stated, "The doctrine of justification is a jewel in the crown of Christ's gospel, which many hands have fought over. Where it is lost, churches and nations perish." Simply for clarification, do churches and nations die if they lose the doctrine of justification? If this is true, how true is it? What is it about justification that matters so much as to determine life or death for a church, a nation, or a Christian, for that matter?

Typically theologians divide the issue of justification by faith into two camps: Calvinist and Arminian. Calvinists, as well as the Arminians, may be further divided into subgroups. Most ministers know with which camp they identify themselves exegetically and doctrinally. Simply state that you do not believe in "once saved, always saved," and you will cause a stir in almost any local or community ministerial association. Usually, veteran pastors know just to smile and move on to the next subject. Respect, love, and grace go a long way in maintaining good relationships!

Either you believe that justification is a divine action from beginning to end, based upon the mercy of God the Father and the work of Jesus Christ the Son, or you believe that justification occurs at the moment of confession of sin by the sinner who has decided to come to God of his or her own free will. Henceforth, salvation becomes both a divine and a human work.

The Wesleyan tradition is clear to most Pentecostal Holiness ministers. James White, on the other hand, writes for the Reformed (and for the most part, the Protestant) position, defending justification by faith alone. Both Wesleyans and the Reformed believe in justification by faith. Differences lie, however, in the nature, meaning, and effects of justification.

The key issue for me is that the doctrine of justification does not fall into evil hands and distort what all true Christians hold near and dear to their hearts. Nowadays, the word *tolerance* seems to be on the lips of many, but who among us tolerates false doctrine? Can we sit idly by and watch truth decay?

Let us agree at least on a few truths. There are not many roads to heaven. There is only one Savior; His wonderful, matchless name is Jesus Christ. The Law reveals sin but cannot save a sinner from sin. Not one good deed or personal bootstrap improvement can save a person from sin. No church, creed, code, or commandment can deliver a person from iniquity. Self-righteousness by its very nature condemns. Human goodness or morality will never replace the necessity of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Righteousness comes by faith and faith alone. Redemption is in Jesus Christ. There is nothing lacking in the work of Christ. It is God who justifies, not the believing sinner. The gracious act of justification does not make a person righteous, but it does legally declare the believing sinner "righteous." God's grace is needed to turn a sinner into a saint. The blood of Jesus has power to wash away all sin, past, present, and future. Through justification we receive the benefits of peace and grace.

The bottom line: God will be glorified in man's dependence, for "of him are [we] in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:29-31). Later Paul wrote, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Let us declare our dependence on God for all things, and give thanks to Him for all things! Praise the Lord for justification and the whole of salvation, both now and forever!

While I may not agree with all that has been written in this book, it serves a great purpose by encouraging us to think more clearly about what we believe and why we believe it. If the great doctrine of justification is at the heart of the Christian faith, then we must love, embrace, and protect it from false teachers. Defending the faith once delivered to the saints remains a constant duty of the vigilant Pentecostal and Holiness minister. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!"
(1 John 3:1)

When we think of February, often the first thing that comes to mind is Valentine's Day. Flowers, chocolates, romantic dinners, and cards with affectionate words are gifts that touch our hearts.

I heard someone say the other day that 2008 is the year for love! There are many women and young girls who need someone to express God's love to them. We have a great opportunity through Women's Ministries and Girls' Ministries to have an eternal impact on their lives.

I pray that we will daily desire and fully digest more of God's love – it is a gift that transforms and keeps on giving.

Loving others won't always be a walk in the park, but God is our Guide, and He's promised never to leave us or forsake us.

The best news about God's love is that there's an endless supply, it's free, and it's available to anyone. Who could say no to an offer like this? Pass it on… there's someone waiting to receive God's gift of love.

Remember, *"Together we can make a difference!"*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

"Sharing Sisters"

This recipe calls for all ingredients to be fresh; nothing can be cold or lukewarm. Each year a new batch is to be made:
Take 30-35 different types of women.
Add in 6-8 dishes of good food.
Mix well with a bunch of fattening desserts.
Pour over with a cup of love.
Add two gallons of loud chitchat.
Chop and sprinkle in lots of prizes.
Stir in a barrel of laughter.

Now, this recipe will not work unless you have the last and main ingredient; add and preserve the presence of the Lord, and you will have a wonderful recipe for Sharing Sisters!

Submitted and written by Billie Rodriguez
Lumberton First PH Church Women's Ministries Secretary-Treasurer

POTPOURRI…

- If you hate the messy way plastic wrap sometimes tears off the roll, place the roll in the freezer for a few minutes before using.
- To prevent garbage disposal clogs and nasty smells, sprinkle the sink with baking soda, then pour in white vinegar until it bubbles. Let sit for 10 minutes; rinse with hot water. Drop in two or three ice cubes and grind to clean; rinse again with hot water.

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Act Accordingly

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On January 18 and 19, 2008, my wife and I were privileged to attend the Bridging Our Ministries II Conference in Falcon, N.C. "Our Ministries" are Royal Rangers and Men's Ministries. This annual event began in January 2007. It was birthed because leaders within the denomination recognized that great ministry possibilities could be obtained through the closer integration of these two ministries.

If our generation (Baby Boomers) is to leave a viable IPHC for our children and grandchildren, we must have a great harvest of young men and women for Christ. Statistically, we are working with a very narrow time frame. Once those who are now teens become 20 years and older, the probability of reaching them for Christ goes down dramatically. This generation we are working with numbers more than 30 million. We are told that only 4 percent of this group holds Bible-based beliefs. Today's youth will have direct influence on America for the next 50 to 100 years. We, as full-gospel believers, have a battle on our hands of astronomical proportions; the competition has a huge jump on us.

We have blended in with and become so tolerant of worldly activity that it is difficult to distinguish the true church from the world. The secular world at one time respected the church because of what it stood for. This was partially because professed Christians lived a different lifestyle than the world did, and there was a fear of God throughout most of the populace. Now, professed Christians are hated by the world because they do not stand for what they say they do, and the fear of God by mankind in general no longer exists.

To save this young generation, countless millions of souls, our generation must repent and overcome the competition I spoke of earlier, that competition being music, video games, websites, and movies. All of these promote violence, drugs, and sexual immorality. Many kids spend more time watching this filth than they do in classrooms.

The writers and producers of this material are not God-fearing people. They promote what will sell and have little, if any, regard for the millions of souls being corrupted and ruined for eternity.

This information was presented to us on Saturday through a heart-breaking, gut-wrenching message delivered by Rev. Talmadge Gardner, CE director for our denomination.

Brother Gardner also conveyed to us in conclusion that, amidst the gloom and doom, all is not lost. We still have time and opportunity through Royal Rangers and Men's Ministries to reach this generation for Christ, for our God is still on His throne. He neither sleeps nor slumbers. He still hears and answers prayers, fasting, and reading of His word by those who love and worship Him. Pastors, Men's Ministries leaders, Royal Rangers leaders, Women's Ministries leaders, and laymen who are Bible believing must realize *today* that the war for the souls of this young generation is real and act accordingly.

I want to thank our conference and denominational leadership for the effort they are making to equip the local church to fight the ongoing battle for lost souls.

–Jack Nicholson

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2008 Minister/Spouse Retreat

The 2008 Minister/Spouse Retreat is scheduled for February 7, 8, and 9, 2008, at Kingston Plantation, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our guest speakers will be Ron and Hope Carpenter of Redemption World Outreach Center in Greenville, SC.

We are looking forward to what the Lord is preparing for us for these few days. I hope you are planning to come to each of these meetings. If you can come for only part of the meetings, please come. We will continue to have the small breakout groups that so many of you enjoy. God is preparing us for the coming days of work in His Kingdom, and this retreat is one of the tools to bring us closer to Him and to His people. May God bless you as you prepare your hearts.

Valentine's Day

When we think of February, we think of Valentine's Day and the love it represents. From the time we were children, we all have associated red hearts and Cupids, boxes of chocolate candy, red roses, Valentine cards, and love notes with this special holiday.

The purpose of Valentine's Day as a holiday is for people to express their innermost feelings of affection for those around them. We, as Christians, should consider the art of showing our love as a very necessary responsibility in this life. We need to show love, just as much as those who need to receive or feel love need that assurance.

John 15:12-13 says, "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of love in that He gave His life on the cross that we might have life and life more abundantly. God the Father also exhibits this divine love in giving His only son to suffer and to die. The precious Holy Spirit is the divine go-between who expresses God's love to us and through us. We, therefore, are to extend that love to *all* of those with whom we come in contact.

Many times we get so wrapped up in our own little worlds that we ignore those around us and have no idea of how alone they might be. Holidays are very hard for those who have lost a loved one through death or through circumstances of some kind or another. We need to be more aware of the feelings of others in everything we do or say. We can just speak a kind word, or even a smile will make a difference! I've found that even telling someone you are praying for them tends to give them hope.

We all have our heartaches and problems, but we serve a God who cares and is even concerned with noticing the sparrow that falls to the ground. Matthew 10:29-31: "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." God loves you, and He will never fail you nor leave you.

We have so much to be thankful for, and we must prove our thankfulness to God for His faithfulness and all of His many blessings. During the month of February and even every day of our lives, let us demonstrate our love and thankfulness to the God we serve by reaching out to that person in the doctor's waiting room or the person standing in line next to us. Make every day a Valentine's Day by letting people see God in you. May God bless and keep you in His love!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The Gift of a Song

So many times in Archives work, people will bring in items that are like pure gold in relation to the history of our church and the people who created the history by God's grace. I recently received a piece of gold in my personal life in relation to my family's history.

My father, as some of you may know, played the guitar and sang in groups from the time he was a teenager. He wasn't a Christian until later in years and the last year of his life, but God blessed people with his music. I remember going to sleep at night with my dad and his friends in the living room singing and playing until 1 or 2 a.m. I knew the words to every song they had ever sung and loved to sing along with them.

Daddy was in several groups and had sung and played in many competitions and won several trophies for his talents. We moved several times, and when we moved to Grassy Creek, North Carolina, which was not far from my grandparents, Daddy played music with a good friend of his, Estil Ball. Estil, his wife Orney, Daddy, and a man named Blair Reedy all sang and played together on the radio in Galax, Virginia, at churches and other events in the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina.

In 1959, a man named Alan Lomax was traveling the back roads of the United States and taping all kinds of music from the different areas. Alan Lomax made several albums of this music, and Daddy and Estil Ball were included on the album. Daddy had one of the albums, and we thoroughly enjoyed hearing him on the album. Years passed, we moved again, my mom died, and a few years later, Daddy remarried. After several more years, Daddy found out he had cancer. God saved Daddy around the time we moved to Falcon. To make a long story short, we lost contact with our stepmother when she remarried a few months later, and the Alan Lomax album was gone. Through the years I have asked around to try to find a copy of the album.

I went on the Internet to find the album, which was "The Southern Heritage Series," and could not find it under that name. I found several songs by Estil Ball, but none with Daddy's name on it.

My brother Kenny, who has been looking also, sent me for Christmas this year a CD of Alan Lomax's music that included a song sung by Daddy and Estil Ball! To top it off, the description of the song and Estil Ball also talked about Daddy and his smooth harmony. Needless to say, it made my day! Daddy had dreams of being a great singer and even singing at the Grand Old Opry, but it never happened. But I'm sure God has let him know what has been said about him, and I know I surely am happy for him.

This all may seem a little hilarious to you, but it is important to my brothers and me. I've said all of this to say that each life and its contributions are important to us and to those who come after us. My prayer is that you will realize just how important a life is and that each person makes a difference in the lives of those with whom they come in contact.

As you get older and your loved ones age, remember to preserve the important facts of your life and pass on the pictures to someone who will take care of them, and please include copies of your life story for us! The NC Conference Archives needs your pictures and information. I have no idea who some of the ministers of the past and their wives are or what they did, unless I do some research in the *Minutes* or the *Evangel*, or if their file has been passed on to me at their death. Please help us to preserve this important information!

Did You Know?

Did you know that the King-Robinson House was dismantled in Parmele, NC, shipped to Godwin, NC, by train, and then put on oxcarts and brought to Falcon to be put together again? The house was given to Brother J. H. King by a man in Parmele who really admired Brother King and his ministry. When Brother King felt the call to make a missionary trip around the world, Brother A. E. Robinson loaned him the money, and Brother King gave Brother Robinson the house to live in. The Robinsons lived in this home for the 18 years they lived in Falcon.

More recently, the house was bought, furnished, fixed up, and then given to the North Carolina Conference as a Mission House for missionaries on furlough to have a place to stay while in the area. God is still using the home for His purposes.

If anyone knows any more information about this home, please let us know. If you know the name of the man who gave the house to Brother King, please let us know.

March 29 is our next Archives training! More details will come. Check out the conference website! May God bless!!

World Intercession Network

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God's Presence – God's Power

2008 "Together" in Prayer

The God of the Past – The God of the Future

God desires us to benefit from the past, as we are moving to our future. "**Remember the days of long ago**; think about the generations past. Ask your father and he will inform you. Inquire of your elders, and they will tell you." Deut. 32:7

- Benefit from the past: Psalm 78:4 – Isaiah 42:23 – 1 Cor. 10:11 (See God at work.)
- Deal with hurtful past: Gen. 33:4 – Gen. 50:19-20 – Matt. 5:23-24 – Luke 23:34 – Matt. 18:21, 22 (We must forgive and forget.)
- Deal with regrets: Psalm 51:7, 9, 10 – Isa. 1:18 – Rom. 4:6-8 – Phil. 3:13 (Regrets – can't see clearly in front.)

Pray and get rid of the hurtful past – See the benefits of the past – See the power of prayer and the answer to prayer.

The word "past" means history, long ago, what went before.

As believers, the body of Christ, and a family serving God together in the NC IPHC, we need to recognize the many answers to prayers. Those who have prayed, served, and paved the way for us have benefited from these answered prayers, but so have we. We must realize that the answers to their prayers are still benefiting us today.

The blessings that you and I are experiencing today are the blessings and power of answered prayer.

You and I are moving to our future with success as we have realized the blessings and benefits of the **past**.

We have obtained much in the Kingdom of God because of our **past**. We have listened and received the past experience of those who have paved the way for us. We also must remember that our own past has brought us increase, maturity, and growth and is paving the way for the next generation.

Your past is history being written, and the answer to prayer being seen!

When you and I remember the **past**, we sometime have the tendency to remember bad feelings, hurts, rejections, failures, people who have done us wrong, and the negative things we've experienced.

Our past provides stepping-stones for the future. Answered prayers:

- See the hand of God in your past (testimonies).
- See God at work in your past (God's move).
- See lessons taught and learned in your past (times of testing by God – maturity).
- See others benefit from your past (mentoring others).
- See the Kingdom of God benefit from your past (legacy and inheritance).
- See the Kingdom of God expand because of the past (church growth).
- See the past as an example for others (a warning against disobedience).

From the past we learn many things. God was in our past and will be in our future.

"Remember the days long ago." Why would God say this to us?

- He's the God of answered prayers.
- He's the God of the past and future.
- He wants us to see the past as something good.
- He wants us to view the future remembering His presence and powers in the past.
- He wants you to see the potential of the future. "Future" prospect: upcoming, potential, expectation, opportunity, hope.

Our future is brighter because we have benefited from our past.

God was with us then, and He's with us now. Let's pray together now. We see answers to prayers now and will see them in the future!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Lista de Eventos del Ministerio Hispano Para el Año 2008

Conferencia de Carolina del Norte
Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal Internacional

Enero 10-12: INE Avanzado
Enero 25 y 26: Escuela de Ministerio
Enero 31 Conferencia Distrital Hispana con el obispo

Febrero 8-10: Retiro Matrimonial para parejas de ministros
Febrero 15-16: Clases de INE Satélite

Marzo: Comida pro-misiones
Marzo 21-22: Conferencia/Seminario para Hombres

Abril 25-26: Evento de la Hijas de Débora (Seminario para mujeres hispanas/americanas)

Mayo 2 y 3: Escuela de Ministerio
Mayo 12-17: Conferencia Mundial en Vancouver Canadá
Mayo 18: Celebración día de Pentecostés (varias denominaciones americanos/hispanos)
Mayo 23-24: Clases de INE

Junio 27-29: Campamento Juvenil Hispano

Julio 12: Seminario para mujeres hispanas
Julio 25 y 26: Escuela de Ministerio

Agosto 2: Conferencia Anual
Agosto 10: Servicio de la Ofrenda Global
Agosto 22-23: Clases de INE
Agosto 28-30: Conferencia Nacional Hispana

Septiembre 10, 17 y 24: Conferencias distritales hispanas
Septiembre 27: Día de ayuno y clamor

Octubre 4: Día familiar en Falcon para pastores
Octubre 16,17 y 18: INE Avanzado
Octubre 24 y 25: Congreso de Evangelismo y Misiones

Noviembre 1: Seminario de WIN
Noviembre 14-15: Clases de INE
Noviembre 25: Harvest Train (Hogar de Niños de Falcon)

Diciembre 5 y 6: Convención Hispana

Nota: La Junta de liderazgo Hispano se reúne el primer miércoles de cada mes en Falcon

Nuestras Metas Para Este Año

1. La Junta Hispana trabajando fuerte para ayudarse mutuamente y para ministrar efectivamente a los ministros y las iglesias.
2. Entrenar y desarrollar al liderazgo hispano
3. Tener iglesias fuertes y saludables
4. Formar uno o dos nuevos distritos hispanos.
5. Plantar 10 nuevas iglesias
6. Mejorar la comunicación y la información a todos los miembros hispanos de nuestras Iglesias y Conferencia
7. Promover y enviar 7 nuevos pastores
8. Unirnos para lograr los propósitos y metas para la comunidad hispana en el estado de Carolina Del Norte.
9. Promover y ayudar al desarrollo de las familias de los ministros
10. Formar ministerio de mujeres para trabajar con las esposas de los ministros

Para Su Lista de Oracion por el Ministerio Hispano

a. Provisión para plantar las nuevas iglesias
b. Protección para todos los pastores y sus familias
c. Por la condición migratoria de varios ministros
d. Guía par ir en la dirección correcta con el ministerio Hispano
e. Por la salvación de miles y millones de hispanos en Estado Unidos
f. Por el Nuevo programa de discipulado en las iglesias
g. Por nuevas y más líderes para que hagan el trabajo dentro de la obra hispana
h. Por dirección de Dios para la Junta Hispana
i. Para que las iglesias alcancen sus comunidades para Cristo

Junta Hispana

Luis Avila
Juan Parker
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Luis González
José Serrano
Carmem Vieira
Alfredo Vargas
Mynor García

Hispanic Ministry List of Events for 2008

North Carolina Conference
International Pentecostal Holiness Church

January 10-12: INE Advance
(INE means National Training Institute)
January 25-26: School of Ministry
January 31: Hispanic District Conference

February 8-10: Marriage Retreat
February 15-16: INE Training

March: Hispanic Great Commission meals
March 21-22: Men's Ministries Seminary

April 25-26: Deborah's Daughters (Hispanic seminary)

May 2-3: School of Ministry
May 12-17: World Conference Vancouver Canada
May 18: Pentecost Celebration
May 23-24: INE Training

June 27-29: Hispanic Youth Camp

July 12: Women's Ministry Seminary
July 25-26: School of Ministry

August 2: Annual Conference
August 10: Global Offering Service
August 22-23: INE training
August 28-30: National Hispanic Conference

September 10, 17 and 24: Hispanic District Conference
September 27: Fasting and prayer day

October 4: Family Day for ministers
October 16, 17 and 18 INE Advance
October 24-25: Missions Congress

November 1: WIN Conference
November 14-15: INE training
November 25: Harvest Train

December 5-6: Hispanic Convention

Note: The Hispanic Board meets every first Wednesday of each month.

Our Goals for This Year

1. The Hispanic Board working hard to help each other and to minister effectively to all leaders and churches
2. Training and development of the Hispanic leadership
3. Strong and healthy churches
4. To have one or two more Hispanic districts
5. Plant 10 new Hispanic churches
6. Better communication and information to all the Hispanic members of the churches in the Conference
7. To promote and deploy seven new pastors
8. United to accomplish the purposes and goals for the Hispanic community in North Carolina
9. Promote and help to develop ministers' families
10. Create women's ministry to work with ministers' wives

For Your Prayer List Focus in the Hispanic Ministry

a. Provision to plant new Hispanic churches
b. Protection to all ministers and their families
c. For the immigration status of several ministers
d. Guidance to go in the right direction with the Hispanic ministry
e. For the salvation of thousands and millions of Hispanics in the U.S.
f. For new discipleship programs for the churches
g. For new leaders to do the work of the Lord within the Hispanic ministry
h. For direction to the Hispanic Board
i. For the churches to be able to reach out to their communities
h. For a great movement of God among the Hispanic churches

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Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Elton Lancaster

Went to heaven on Jan. 2, 2008

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. H. M. Parson

A young married couple by the name of Rev. & Mrs. Vernon Clark were engaged in a tent revival near Edwards, NC, when H. M. Parson walked forward and gave his heart to Jesus. They were the days when the conference owned the tent and equipment and permitted their use by evangelists in keeping with the conference evangelism program. It was a great, soul-saving revival, and many gave their hearts to the Lord ... including H. M.'s brother, Richard. **(Both of them, in time, were called of God to preach the Gospel!)** Brother Parson joined the conference in 1952 and retired in 1988, giving 36 years to the pastorate and evangelism. During his retirement years, he and his wife, Sarah, have continued to minister when called upon. Brother Parson has availed himself of additional educational opportunities, having received his master's and doctorate degrees over several years of study. Here are a couple who have actually ***"put their hands to the plow"*** in working for the Lord. He said, *"While at Bridgeton, my wife and I built the church... she mixed the mortar and carried the blocks, and I laid them."* They also built the new church and parsonage at Goose Creek. Though not as active as they once were, they still love to minister. Their health is good, and they enjoy serving the Lord.

Rev. & Mrs. Reuben Mosley

It was on Mother's Day in 1953 that Reuben, a boy of 13 years, gave his heart to the Lord. He came to church at the urging of his cousin, Talmadge Mosley, whose wife, Lynette, pastored the Thompson Chapel PH Church. Always an excellent student, he graduated as salutatorian at his high school and at Holmes Bible College. At Southern Wesleyan University, he earned his bachelor of arts degree. He joined the conference in 1967. Along with his high school sweetheart, Annie Ruth, whom he married in 1962, he pastored for 38 years before retiring in 2005. Even in their retirement they continue to pastor the Merritts Chapel Church, which involves about four hours of travel each Sunday. He drives a school bus five days a week, farms his pecan orchard, raises a few beef cattle, and tends a fruitful garden. Annie Ruth works full-time at a local bank, enjoys working in her flower garden, cooking, and having the grandchildren over for visits. Reuben and Annie Ruth live in their own home just four miles west of Wilson, next door to their home church of Thompson Chapel. Reuben says, "Considering our age and activity, our health is good, and **God is good**!"

My Backyard Friend

*"Imagine what life would be like without friends. No one to call when you had a fight with your husband or wife. No one with whom to share coffee and laughter. No one to cry with you when everything is going wrong. No one to be glad with when everything goes right. No one to share your thoughts and no one to pray for you when you're too weak to pray for yourself." (Ellyn Sanna in **"Always a Friend"**)*

Rev. Elton E. Lancaster was my friend. We called each other "backyard friends" because we had adjoining properties. He left us rather unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 3, 2008. His funeral service, as you will read about elsewhere in this issue of the *Evangel*, was conducted on Saturday, January 5, here in Falcon at the Culbreth Memorial PH Church. However, his graveside service was not held until Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Rocky Mount Memorial Cemetery in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

It was a cold and windy morning as the family gathered and sat in chairs under the funeral tent. Others stood around, close to one another in an effort to stay warm and to shield the family from the blowing wind while the service was being conducted.

There was such a feeling of celebration, of joy and peace, as we listened to family and friends share memories of one who was so dearly loved. Our bodies were cold, but our hearts were warmed.

Under such circumstances, it is always extremely touching when a family member attempts to speak about his or her loved one. **Ken**, the younger of two children, gave an outstanding tribute to his Dad. He expressed in trembling voice his love and appreciation, and then we listened to him sing (on tape) one of his Dad's favorite hymns, "It Is Well With My Soul."

Afterwards, **Joyce**, Elton's only daughter, stood and read a poem she had composed about her dad that expressed her love for him and her deep appreciation for **Barbara**, Brother Lancaster's wife of 34 years, who later became their "Mom" following the death of their biological mother in 1972. Then Elton's grandson, **Josh**, spoke from his heart of this love for his "Granddaddy." **Rev. Bethea Moore**, husband of Joyce, spoke eloquently of his appreciation for his father-in-law.

In conclusion, I stood to present to **Mrs. Lancaster** and family the beautiful **Minister's Medallion** from the IPHC and the North Carolina Conference. Presenting this medallion to Mrs. Lancaster had a twofold meaning for me because Brother Lancaster was a member of the **Conference Retired Ministers Board** until his passing. He was truly a dear brother and friend.

Bill and Gloria Gaither are the authors of a song entitled "**Old Friends**," the words of which seem to fit my feelings best:

"Old friends, after all of these years ... Just old friends, through the laughter and tears ... Old friends, what a find, what a priceless treasure.

"Old friends, like a rare piece of gold ... old friends make it great to grow old ... 'til then, through it all I will hold to old friends.

"God must have known that some days on our own, we would lose our will to go on. That's why He sent friends like you along.

"Old friends, yes, you've always been there. My old friends, we've had more than our share... Old friends, I'm a rich millionaire in old friends."

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Daniel and Rocio Pitti

Missionaries to Honduras

On February 5, 2007, we arrived in Honduras as new missionaries from World Mission Ministries. It was hard at the beginning. When you get to a place where you don't know anybody, don't know your way around the city, don't have transportation, and are away from your family and friends, it is difficult. At least we were blessed to be in a place where they speak our native language! Once we found a place to stay and bought a vehicle, things started to happen.

When we arrived, there were 14 existing IPHC churches, which were spread out over three areas: two churches in the central area, six churches in the north area, and six churches in the east area. We began by visiting each of these churches in a rotating sequence. We would go to a church to preach, teach, implement Sunday school, and visit with the local pastor. Many places we would visit church members in their homes, especially the elderly. By August we added the third church, Nueva Capital, in the city of Tegucigalpa, the capital city.

In 2007 we were blessed with four medical and construction teams. These teams play a vital role in church growth in developing countries.

The "A Team" from the Alpha Conference came to erect the building for this new church, Nueva Capital. The church is truly a miracle! The pastors, Miguel Molina and Maria Cruz, had been members of the Central Church in Tegucigalpa. Two years ago they felt God's call to the ministry, so they moved to this extremely poor and dangerous area to begin a new work. They started a Bible study in their two-room house. Many people made fun of them, mocking them and telling them that this work would never amount to anything. David Moore, RMC for Central America, saw their potential. He soon was able to contact Miguel and Maria and inform them that someone in the U.S. was interested in buying land to build a church for their work. In March we purchased a lot, and just four months later the "A Team" built their new building! This was made possible by the team sending the funds ahead so we could purchase the building materials and pour the foundation before the team arrived. It took only one week of hard labor to finish the walls and roof of the building. This team also purchased chairs before their dedication Sunday. Many people were saved on that first Sunday! Many others who were already Christians decided to begin worshiping there! This team was so touched by the local pastors, they left extra money to complete the electrical system, stucco the building, and finish the floor (ceramic tile).

A team from the Heartland Conference, led by Dewayne Klepper, came to one of our churches in Yoro, to build four Sunday school classrooms. It truly was a boost for that church. The number of children in Sunday school has grown, and the membership has increased as well.

Dr. Carey and his medical team from Oklahoma came and worked in several areas of Tegucigalpa. What a blessing to the people!

"Lend a Hand Mission Team" from Virginia Beach, directed by Bobby Hoyle, provided medical services for our pastors and the people of Yoro. This organization is donating 15 rooms of furniture for our pastors to be shipped this month. Funds are needed for truck rental to receive these goods.

We now have 15 churches, but none of the buildings is completely finished. If God lays it on your heart to help with a project, please let us know. We have projects from $100 to $5,000 and up. Many churches need windows, doors, floor, restrooms, etc. Our contact information is listed below.

Our Challenge for 2008

We are going to start a new church in Danli. This town is about two hours from Tegucigalpa. This church is in a strategic place, a headquarters for the other churches in this area. Our plan is to start by renting a house. As we outgrow the house, we will purchase land and set a tent which we already own. The final phase will be to build the building. The following is our immediate need with *Project Danli 2008*:

House Rent	Pastor's Allowance	Supervisor's Allowance
$185/month	$158/month	$53/month

It has been an exciting 11 months. God is greatly blessing! We want to thank everyone for prayers and support for this great work!

Update From Rocio's Work

God put in our hearts to provide a child care center in the Nueva Capital Pentecostal Holiness Church. This is a new church in the area of Tegucigalpa where Hurricane Mitch brought such devastation several years ago. Many of the fathers were killed during this horrible time. This left many single mothers to raise the children by themselves. Most families lost everything they had. (This area consists of approximately 5,000 people.)

The childcare center will be at the church. It will provide

breakfast before school and lunch when the children return from school at noon. In the afternoons after naptime, the children will be assisted with their homework, if needed. The mothers will collect their children after work.

Honduran law does not require children to attend school. Next year we plan to open a school for children, kindergarten through 6th grade. We want to encourage them to get an education, thus reducing the illiteracy rate in Honduras. What a great opportunity for us to reach children with the Gospel!

For more information about the projects highlighted in this article, you may contact Daniel and Rocio by e-mailing them at dapittisr@aol.com or rpitti2002@aol.com. Or please contact the World Missions Ministries office at 1-800-474-2966.

Great Commission Meals 2008 – GLOBAL OUTREACH Kickoff

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

Russell Board, Overseas Ministry Coordinator for Asia

Bob Cave, Overseas Ministry Coordinator for Europe

Various Missionaries

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	March 3	12:00pm	Ernie's Restaurant *Dunn*
Monday	March 3	6:30pm	Wilson 1st PH *Wilson*
Tuesday	March 4	6:30pm	Pike's Crossroads PH *Pikeville*
Wednesday	March 5	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	Greater Mt. Paran Assembly PH *Wilson*
Thursday	March 6	6:30pm	Evangel PH *Fuquay-Varina*
Friday	March 7	6:30pm	Mt. Carmel PH *Fayetteville*
Saturday	March 8	6:00pm	St. Paul PH *Greenville*

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	March 10	12:00pm (Noon)	Grace Family Fellowship *Robersonville*
Monday	March 10	6:30pm	Wallace PH *Wallace*
Tuesday	March 11	6:30pm	Living Faith Fellowship PH *Rocky Mount*
Wednesday	March 12	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	Cafeteria/Training Center *Falcon*
Thursday	March 13	6:30pm	Abba Padre PH (formerly Elizabethtown PHC facility) *Elizabethtown*
Friday	March 14	6:30pm	Smyrna PH *Smyrna*
Saturday	March 15	6:00pm	New Covenant PH *New Bern*

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM OUR OVERSEAS MINISTRIES COORDINATORS FROM AROUND THE WORLD and OUR MISSIONARIES! CALL THE CONFERENCE OFFICE ***TODAY*** TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT ONE OF THESE EVENTS!

PRAISE GOD FOR AN AWESOME YEAR FOR OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING!

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Thank you, pastors and churches, for your personal giving and for your promotion and support for Global Outreach!

Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

A Personal Message

from Charles Boyd, CEM Director

After much prayer with my wife, family, and close friends, I will be accepting the position of assistant CEM director and director of Youth Ministries for the IPHC in Oklahoma City. I can honestly say I am the luckiest man alive to have had the great opportunity to serve as CEM director of the NC Conference for the past eight years. It almost feels like yesterday that I sat in the old Tabernacle with my wife after I was elected and said, "What is the Lord up to?!" That is exactly how I feel today: "Lord, what are you up to?!"

We have come a long way in NCCEM with Falcon Youth Camp, Camp Freedom, Primetimers, and at least 20 more ministries. In a day when many are seeing declines in youth camps, last year we had over 100 more students than the year before! At a time when it is difficult to get commitments from many people on an ongoing basis, we have seen Camp Freedom continue to be built for the glory of God. And when I thought we'd never fill up one bus with Primetimers on our first Senior Adult trip to Lancaster, I must have lost my mind to take three buses last year to New York City and Lancaster, Pennsylvania! I am excited about the opportunities the new director will have, and I know the best days are yet to come for NCCEM as well as for my ministry.

While I have been in this position, it has been a joy to serve alongside great men and women who have great vision and passion for the building of God's Kingdom. I have enjoyed and appreciated the hard work of the three different secretaries I've had. I would especially like to thank my current secretary, Sarah, as well as all the office staff here in the RDC, all my CEM board members over the years, different conference board members, Conference Commander Andre Davenport and all my commanders in the Royal Rangers, my Falcon Youth Camp staff, and numerous leaders throughout our churches in this great conference.

I have told you I am the luckiest man in the world to have worked with such a great group of people. However, there is one who shines a little brighter and stands a little taller in my eyes. Bishop Chris Thompson, you have been a great boss, leader, mentor, and especially a friend to me over the years. Thank you for pouring into my life.

It does make me sad to know what I'm leaving here in the NC Conference, but on the other hand, I am very excited about the ministry that waits across the nation. I will have the opportunity to mentor CEM directors, youth pastors, and the youth of this great denomination. I do ask that you keep the Boyd family in your prayers during this time of transition, as we will definitely keep you in ours. I will do anything I can to make the transition a smooth one for the CEM Department of the NC Conference. My plan is to begin work with the national office the first week in March. I will work mostly out of my home, and then at the end of June, we plan to move to Oklahoma City.

On Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1, I will be conducting my last CEM convention. Believe me when I say I have saved the best for last. I have been trying for seven years to bring Jim Wideman to our conference and allow him to speak into the hearts of our leaders. Finally, he will be with us at this convention! You and your church leadership will benefit tremendously. More information about Jim and the CEM convention can be found on the back page of this *Evangel*. Please come and let me say goodbye, and also give me the opportunity to say ***thank you*** for allowing me to serve you as CEM director. The memories we have made will last a lifetime.

Something for Everyone

February 29 – March 1, 2008

Falcon, North Carolina

Jim Wideman, Special Guest Speaker

With over 30 years of experience throughout nearly every area of ministry in the local church, Jim will be sharing with us during this wonderful weekend of incredible training and ministry. If you have a heart to learn how you can help to strengthen the Body of Christ, please come join us on this weekend. Preregistration is only $10 per person or $100 for groups of ten or more. To register or for more information, please go to www.nccem.net or call the CEM office at (910) 980-1162.

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Annual Retired Ministers Day

March 16, 2008

Applause is one expression of thanks and "job well done." However, there are many more ways to honor our retired ministers and spouses. Besides the role of church pastor, they were many things to many people and filled roles not in their job description. They did this because there was a need, not because they were asked. Listed below are some suggestions to make this day special for our retired ministers.

- Host a banquet in their honor
- Schedule a retired minister for the morning service
- Receive a love offering
- Cover the cost to a conference event or a retreat

Hebrews 13:7 (MSG)
Appreciate your pastoral leaders who gave you the Word of God. Take a good look at the way they live, and let their faithfulness instruct you, as well as their truthfulness.

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2007 in Perspective

Paul, in a discussion on all things given to God, speaks these words, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." He continues with these words: "...not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved" (1 Corinthians 10:31-33).

These verses speak to how I tried to live my life in 2007. They are how I am trying to live in 2008. First, I desire to bring Him glory. In all I do, I try to bring Him glory. I bring my body into subjection by my diet, exercise, good sleep, etc. In all my decisions I ask for His guidance in order that He might be glorified.

In seeking to glorify Him and do His will, the ultimate goal is to hear Him say, "Well done," in heaven. That means my life was lived in righteousness, but also means my life was lived in obedience. One of His greatest commands was to make disciples. Of all I did in ministry last year, the end result was to win souls and make disciples.

You be the judge; look at these facts from 2007:

D. Chris Thompson Annual Report 2007

Car Travel – Ministry 34,153
Sermons/Teachings – 186
Conference Board Meetings – 12
Pastors Appointed – 51
Church Board Meetings – 47
Church Meetings – 32
Falcon Children's Home Board Meetings – 7
Holmes Trustees – 8
Emmanuel Trustees – 2
Conducted Azusa Street East, January
Funerals – 11
Schools of Ministry – 8; Taught 2
Hispanic Board Meetings – 10
Evangelism Board Meetings – 4
Church Education Ministries Board Meetings – 3
25 New Churches – 4 African American; Praise the Lord
General Executive Board Meetings – 4
General Board of Administration
Structure Task Force Meetings – 3
Bishop's Cabinet Meeting
District Conferences – 15
District Christmas Parties – 8
MPM Meetings 13
Conducted New Ministers' Day
Kingdom Meeting – Oklahoma City for African-American Ministers
Retired Ministers' Retreat
Ministers-Spouses Retreat
Falcon Camp Meeting (Preached Last Night)
Piney Grove Camp Meeting (Preached)
Piedmont Camp Meeting (Preached)
Annual Conference
Women's Ministries Convention
Primetimers' Retreat – New York City
Fine Arts, Greensboro
SAC Meeting – 2
Men's Ministries Retreat
WIN Seminar
2 Revivals – Eureka Christian Church and Portsmouth, VA – Living Waters
Pikeville Camp Meeting – 1 Service
Town of Falcon – 2 Meetings
Managed Office and Regular Daily Duties – Numerous Dedications, Note Burnings, etc.

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Eva Fann Spell Henry

August 1, 1922 – January 26, 2008

Sister Eva Henry, wife of Reverend Pastor Tim B. Henry, went to heaven on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Rev. Henry is currently the oldest pastor of the North Carolina Conference. He pastors the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Eva Henry was a delightful lady. She loved life and her Lord. There was a smile on her face and twinkle in her life. She attended the Mount Carmel Church for a number of years before she met Reverend Henry. She and Brother Henry shared nearly six years together. She was a caregiver. She constantly cared for and would sit with the sick. At one point she cared for her daughter for five years when her daughter was stricken with a stroke. Eva Henry loved salt-water fishing, quilting, and making dolls. She was famous for her dolls.

She is survived by her husband; daughter, Linda Matthews; son, David Spell; stepdaughter, Edith Eidson; stepson, C. T. Henry; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

A celebration service was held at the Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro on January 29, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Bishop D. Chris Thompson officiated and preached. He was assisted by Reverend Ivan Byrd, pastor of the Freedom Baptist Church. Burial was in the Beulah United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Red Springs Pentecostal Holiness Church, where the Henrys faithfully pastored. The church's address is 1936 Mount Tabor Road, Red Springs, NC 28377.

Betty and I loved Eva Henry. She was such a source of love and encouragement to Betty and me. She was easy to love. We loved her even more for her great love and support of her pastor husband, Tim. She will be missed. She is not lost; we know where she is.

–D. Chris Thompson, Superintendent/Bishop
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A Month of Revival

As a member of Ayden First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Ayden, NC, I was excited when our pastor, David Butts, announced that we were going to have a Sunday–Monday revival for the month of January. A month of revival sounded like an awesome way to start the new year. It proved to be even more spectacular than I had expected, with God-sent anointed preaching and music for each service. A holy visitation was experienced through each and every message followed by an incredible altar ministry.

The month began with Pastor Donald Conway from Plymouth PHC as he walked us through psalms of praise, faith, and supplication. Evangelist Bobby Williams from Chocowinity, NC, led us into worship and out of "the pits" in our second week, followed by an exaltation of praise led by Pastor Jerry Nelson from Westmoreland PH in Wilson, along with his marvelous choir. What a joy was felt in the presence of the Lord! The month ended, to our dismay, but a spark was ignited when Pastor Patsy Vaughn of Vanceboro spoke on the fire of Pentecost.

I could not help but feel empowered as I witnessed and absorbed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in this time of revival. A deeper feeling of unity was felt among the body as we witnessed God's work in all of our lives. A new freedom to worship was birthed, and healings were experienced physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I feel a new excitement for Jesus and a contagious spirit that will go forth into the community in which we live and work.

—Diane Barrow, AFPHC

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

March/April 2008

Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
Rev. Robert Overton	March 18
Rev. Blanche Pollard	March 24
Rev. James Herring	March 26
Rev. Fred Jones	March 26
Rev. Eva Brown	March 28
Rev. Della Stewart	March 29
Rev. Clara Williams	April 1
Rev. Patricia Johnson	April 2
Rev. Vera Griffin	April 7
Rev. Jesse Horne	April 8
Rev. G. S. Holliday	April 11
Rev. Richard Waters	April 13
Rev. W. J. Forehand	April 17
Rev. David Jones, Sr.	April 17
Rev. Rodney Knowles	April 23
Rev. Jettie Parker	April 24
Rev. Lamar Jackson	April 24
Rev. Guy Prosper	April 29

The Life Center – St. Pauls, NC

A powerful testimony of how God can change our attitudes concerning music, or really anything, if we will simply submit our attitudes and will to Him.

This is a personal testimony as to how God can and will change a couple's attitude toward something that does not sit well with them, but only if they are willing vessels.

We did not care for the change in our church music; it was way too loud, definitely not church music, nothing like what we were used to, and certainly nothing that we were going to participate in, or so we thought.

My husband and I talked about it and decided that God had called us to St. Pauls Church (The Life Center), and that as far as we knew at that time, God had not changed His mind; so we decided to pray and seek God concerning the music and worship in our church. We found ourselves asking God to change us and our attitudes instead of the music, and to help us enter into true worship with whatever music was being brought forth. Not to our surprise, we found it to be just what God was wanting us to do; we have enjoyed it ever since, and now we are loving it, and find it so easy to praise and worship.

It is amazing what God will and can do when He is working with a willing vessel. We praise God for a great church family and for a place of worship where we are free to express ourselves as the Holy Spirit moves upon us.

—Bill and Donna Greensweight

Thank you, Bro. Bill and Sister Donna; this testimony continues to encourage many people in the family of God. (Pastor Ray)

Faith Family Worship

Pentecostal Holiness Church
Rocky Mount, NC

As most of you know, we are in the process of building a new church facility. We desperately need classrooms for our children and youth.

We have reached the stage of framing the inside and hanging sheetrock. Sunday morning, January 20, was very cold, but we had planned for several weeks to have a special activity in our new church. Everyone who would like to do so was invited to share in writing scriptures and prayers on the concrete floor and the studs of the walls of the new building. Most of our people had been on the 21-day Daniel fast, so we encouraged everyone to pray about their concerns for the new church and then to write a scripture and prayer in the area they were concerned about.

Now when we stand in our new church to worship, we will truly be standing on the Word of God and His promises surrounded by the prayers of the saints.

Pray for us.

Steve Willis's Songs

At Christmas time 2007 Pastor Steve Willis of the Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church presented two original songs on plaques to the people of the church he began pastoring August 16, 1996. The song "You'll Always Have a Key" depicts the love of God through a pastor to God's people. A one-of-a-kind plaque and the song "Cornerstone People" were presented to Rev. Pascal Woodard and his wife, Alice, and Freddie and Betty Buck, all four long-time examples of the song lyrics. The pastor expressed his personal appreciation and love to these two couples. Also they were commended to current and future generations as models of "the old-time way" of faithfulness to the Lord in the local church activities. Emphasis on regular attendance was cited as a requisite of unity in the local church. *Unger's Bible Dictionary* defines a cornerstone as "the stone at the corner of two walls and uniting them. (See Job 38:6; Isaiah 28:16.)

Cornerstone People
(Faithful and True)

God builds His Church with people,
Those who are faithful and true.
They are a cornerstone people,
The ones who go and do.

They are just so ordinary
And like the others who
Live so for Him Who makes of them
Cornerstone people, faithful and true.

What is a cornerstone people?
Does God love them more than you?
The cross of Calvary answers,
Jesus gave all – all He could do.

God's love for you is not in question,
But He would ask of you,
Would you love Him as much as them,
The cornerstone people, faithful and true?

God needs some more of these people,
More who are faithful and true;
Like those before we have followed,
Someone will be following you.

If you are just ordinary,
You can be one of those who
Live so for Him, Who makes of them
Cornerstone people, faithful and true.

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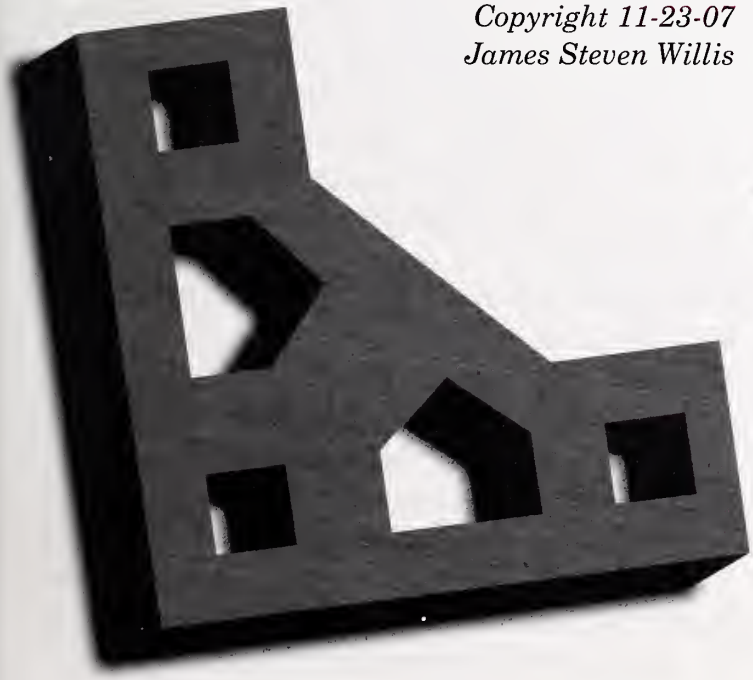

You'll Always Have a Key

(From Pastor Steve Willis to everyone associated with the Reelsboro Pentecostal Holiness Church since August 1996)

There is a room down inside my heart. It only has one key.
It's on the wing with the dearest things and golden memories.
It's just a few folks who qualify to share this room with me.
So now and then – to let them in – I give away the key.

Chorus:
No one could ever get in without permission from me;
No one could ever get in without the key,
So I wrote you a special song from this heart in me.
As time will go, I hope you know, you'll always have a key.

There are some others inside this room who share my heart with me;
We sing a song as we walk along the lane of memory.
The happy faces and tender smiles are all that you can see,
A place so fair with you in there – you'll always have a key.

Repeat Chorus.

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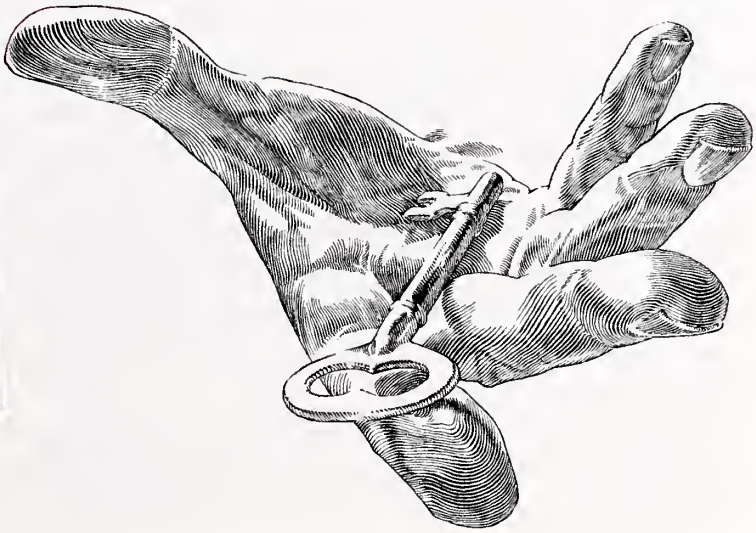

Book Reviews

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Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy and End Times

by J. Daniel Hays, J. Scott Duvall, and C. Marvin Pate. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company. 512 pages.

If the word *exhaustive* means everything included and nothing can possibly be added, then do not think of this book of eschatology as *exhaustive* by any stretch of the imagination. Five hundred and twelve pages cannot possibly define or discuss at proper length the great subjects of eschatology; it is simply a reliable ready reference of most Bible prophecy topics from "Abomination of Desolation" to "Zionism." The dictionary "strives for a balanced presentation by laying out differing positions along with their strengths and weaknesses, while not pushing any specific theological or interpretive agenda other than a firm commitment seeking to understand the Scriptures." It is important to know that the authors serve as professors at Ouachita Baptist University.

The reader will find the usual subjects of biblical prophecy, along with many other interesting topics that would pique the interest of the keen observer and student of the Word. For example, the "callousness of Israel," based on the Greek word *porosis*, a medical term for the hardened swelling of a bone after it has been broken, is discussed at some length. The non-Christian Jews of Paul's day were callous of heart and spiritually blind, which in turn prevented them from recognizing the person of Jesus Christ or accepting the good news of the Kingdom. The Bible teaches that Israel's spiritual hardness will continue until the times of the Gentiles have been fulfilled.

Other topics are woefully lacking in providing adequate information to help the student of eschatology understand the truth. For example, the topic "Islam," which is extremely important in today's world, barely has a page devoted to it. Although Islam is not referred to in Scripture, numerous Islamic countries are involved in prophecy, including Libya, Iraq, Iran (Persia), and Egypt. All of Gog's (Russia's) allies are Islamic countries. What role will Islam play in the future? Is there something significant about the rise of Islam around the world? Another example is the Lake of Fire, which barely received honorable mention in two paragraphs.

Overall, the book serves as a handy reference to Bible prophecy for laypeople. For the most part, pastors can trust the contents of the book for their congregants. This book is a welcome and unique addition to the plethora of studies on eschatology.

Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament

by Kent E. Brower and Andy Johnson, editors. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 385 pages.

Slipping from the pulpits across America and around the world is the Bible doctrine of holiness and separation from the world. It is not very popular to preach against things anymore. How many people are receptive to a preaching series on sanctification and holy living? The Lord Jesus was very plain in His teaching about the believer and the world, the flesh, and the devil. The world hated Jesus because He testified that what the world did was evil.

A. W. Tozer plainly stated, "When the Church joins up with the world, it is the true Church no longer but only a pitiful hybrid thing, an object of smiling contempt to the world and an abomination to the Lord." This truth brings to stark realization that the church needs to return to the New Testament for its model and principles of mission and operation. To indict the New Testament as outdated and irrelevant to today's society and problems is to grossly misunderstand the origin and nature of Holy Scripture. The New Testament cannot possibly be outdated because it is the Word of God. God's holy Word is alive; it is living; its eternal truths did not begin yesterday and shall not fizzle out tomorrow. The God-breathed Scriptures live.

Purity and *community*: These words spell out in simple terms the focus of this book, which consists of 20 chapters (scholarly essays) on the subjects of holiness and ecclesiology. There is much contemporary Nazarene influence here. The editors claim the contributors agree that the people of God are called to live lives that reflect their new status as saints. They agree that God calls a people as a whole to reflect His character. They also agree that the Holy Spirit enables believers to live a God-pleasing life of holiness prior to the *eschaton* (last; end). The purpose of the publication is to "stimulate churches to imagine anew what it might mean to be a publicly identifiable people who embody God's very character in their particular social setting."

If the reader is looking for simple answers for simple questions like, "What is holiness?" or "What did Jesus teach about holiness?" he or she will not find those kinds of answers here.

As with many scholarly contemporary works, some of the language seems to be somewhat ambiguous and misleading at times. Terms are not defined adequately. It is not easy to understand sometimes what the scholar is saying. For example, one essayist wrote about the community of Jesus being the eschatological manifestation of Israel. If this means the church is Israel, then the poor essayist must go back to the Bible and study it again. One scholar wrote, "No thinking Christian of the twenty-first century seriously imagines that Heaven is somewhere up in outer space." No, Heaven is not so much in outer space, as it is in the third heaven, the abode of God. Another writer claimed that to take the story of Jesus calling the four fishermen in isolation and in historical terms, the "story strains credulity." Does this mean there is insufficient evidence that this historical event actually took place as the New Testament writer (Mark) wrote it? What does "Holiness as separation is displaced by holiness by solidarity" mean? Does God want a "unified people" or a "separated people"?

The most troubling statement of all may be found on page 147, where Robert Wall stated, "Perhaps today's Christian leaders should press for a soteriology predicated on works and not on faith alone." The Christian must possess an understanding of the role of works (the fruit of faith) and the role of faith (the root of faith) in salvation. In no uncertain terms do works have a role in being saved. A sinner is not simply sick in need of a physician, but instead he is dead and in dire need of a resurrection! The only boasting allowed in heaven will be to glorify God. Salvation is never man-centered; it is, and must remain, God-centered! A soteriology predicated on works is not a biblically sound soteriology. *Sola fide!*

It is always problematic when modern authors attempt to redefine words to make them more "contemporary." Does "God" need redefining? Can anyone improve on His name or Person through redefinition? Usually "redefining" means something of value is lost or something "new" is added in the process.

On the other hand, there are plenty of sections that offer some helpful insight into the subjects of holiness and the doctrine of the church. For example, one writer stated that Jesus Christ demonstrated that holiness is contagious. Holiness overcomes evil, and is not contaminated by contact with sinners. The holiness of Jesus transforms the unclean, the sick, the sinner, and thwarts the power of evil in every confrontation. Another contended that holiness is determined by obedience and proximity to Jesus. In Christ, the Christian does not know a God of power and weakness, but the God of power in weakness. Those near to Jesus do the will of God. The church as a graced community is defined in terms of holiness. Another still stated that "Spirit filling" is not the same as regeneration. Human holiness is not merely a human imperative, but instead is a divine product, or "fruit" (Galatians 5:22).

Ministers of God in these final days before the imminent return of Jesus Christ cannot afford to stand on slippery banana peels. Let us affirm that without holiness, no man shall see the Lord. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. Sanctify them through thy Truth; thy Word is truth. We must bravely stand on the unmovable Solid Rock, the same Rock in which Christ said He would build His church. Brothers and sisters, we are in a great struggle to recover the centrality of holiness as integral to the Christian life. Thank God for John Wesley of the 18th century. Thank God for modern day Wesleys who stand up for holiness and purity of life.

May You Enjoy
a Blessed Easter!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." (Psalm 41:1)

The last several months, Mr. Henry and I have been remodeling our kitchen, replacing the cabinets, painting, etc. (He's been doing the work; I've been supervising!) When I cleaned out the kitchen cabinets, there were cans of food that were way in the back and were outdated. Without a second thought, I threw them away.

The Lord placed this nugget in my spirit: "We are too wasteful." Do you realize how much money we could save if we did not waste so much food and how many people we could help who are in desperate need?

This really became a reality check for me, when I received the Newsletter about the unrest in Kenya. In December controversial election outcomes destroyed the peaceful country. Rioters destroyed homes, villages, and cities, and they killed, and over 25,000 people have been displaced from their homes and communities. Our missionaries have requested funds to meet the immediate needs of water, food, and tents for shelters, blankets, and medical supplies. Although the problems may seem insurmountable, "together we can make a difference."

Pray for our missionaries. There is power in prayer!

In helping the poor and the hungry, we are spending our time and resources on things that are close to the heart of God. Please prayerfully consider how your local Women's Ministries can give hope to those in need.

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

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"Fruit of the Spirit"...

was the theme of the Fayetteville District Rally held on Saturday, November 10 at the Sanford First PH Church. The ladies of the church welcomed everyone with open arms. The fellowship hall was very inviting with a centerpiece of a beautiful edible Fruit Bouquet. The ladies enjoyed a variety of fruits and goodies. The program, which was led by NCWM District Director Patsy Payne, was taken from Galatians 5:22. The group was blessed by testimonies from local WM Director Annie Lou O'Quinn, Rev. Lois B. Bradshaw, Sylvia Phillips, Brenda Bordwell, Margret Lemons, Kathy Davis, Carolina Garner, and Crystal Martin. Songs were shared by Doris Martin, and Rev. Sue Parker led the WM song. A time of sweet fellowship was shared with our sisters in Christ. A big "thank you" goes to all who helped make this possible.

POTPOURRI....

- Shinier faucets – use a bit of rubbing alcohol on a paper towel and wipe stainless steel faucets. They'll sparkle.
- Fireplace soot on your carpet? Sprinkle it with salt and let stand for 10 minutes. Vacuum over the area, and the soot will lift easily.
- Reheat pizza – Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove, set heat to med-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy microwave pizza.

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No Good News?

Have you tuned in to the news on TV or read the newspaper lately? What did you see? Was it detailed accounts of killings, robberies, domestic violence, rape, kidnapping, and so on? Bad news seems to leap off every headline.

The world we live in today is such a mess! There is not a day that goes by without some kind of evil taking place.

The worst thing about all of this is the way Christians get caught up in it. You may ask, "How can this be? After all, we're not the ones committing these atrocities!"

True. But, you see, we live right in the middle of this nasty, ugly world. We know that Satan is the author of evil. But yet we still let it **worry** and **defeat** us. We let the victories we see Satan achieving in our society cloud our faith. We begin to worry about what will come next and how we are going to make it. Sadly, too often, we are spending more time in the news than in the Word, and it shows!

Jesus tells us through His Word, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Even though we are a part of this society and we see the troubling side effects sin is sending throughout our culture, we must rise above it. We must focus on what our future is with Christ and what we are called to do while we are here on this earth.

Men, we can make a difference in this world if we allow ourselves to get back to what delivered us from our sin in the first place! Remember when you first got saved? If you were like me, you put all of your energy into reading and learning the Bible. When our salvation was new, like a bright, shiny penny, we trusted God and wanted to make a difference. And we did make a difference because we were sharing God through the new joy people were seeing in our lives. Our light was so bright because we were so full of God and His Word.

Yet, like an often used penny, the new wore off. Over time, our light has dimmed, our joy has faded, and our trust is not as strong. "What?" you might exclaim. "What would make you think something like that? After all, I still love God!"

The reason I feel so strongly about what I am saying is the things that we are allowing as Christians. Look at what we have let slide right by us without so much as a mutter from the majority of believers. Prayer has been taken out of our schools; the Ten Commandments have been stripped off government walls; millions of babies have been aborted, and speaking out against sin is on the way to being called a "hate crime."

"We can't change what is going on," you may say. Well, maybe we can't, but we can let them know how we feel as God's people. As godly men, we need to get on our knees, and we need to get in His Word. As we do, we need to look at His Word in Proverbs 3:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart,
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy way acknowledge him and
He shall direct thy paths.
Be not wise in thine own eyes;
Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

As go the men, so goes the church. We need to be sure we are bringing people the **Good News of God** instead of cringing in the corner over the world's bad news.

God bless you,
Ronnie Basden

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Ministers' Wives Mini-Retreat

At our last Ministers' Wives Fellowship Board meeting, the board decided to have a mini-retreat on the weekend of April 11-12, 2008, at the facilities in Falcon. This will be a Friday evening and Saturday morning, and most of the meetings will be at the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. We will have registration on Friday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. until.... We plan to go to supper together and meet others at Hibachi Restaurant in Dunn. All of the Friday night plans have not been finalized at this writing, February 1, 2008, but all ministers' wives, lady ministers, and widows of ministers should have received a letter by the time that you read this.

Saturday morning, we will have breakfast at the cafeteria with those in the School of Ministry. After breakfast we will have general directions and a devotional in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium and then break out into six different classes. The topics will include:

- How to Deal With a Family Medical Crisis
- What Do I Do Now? (after retiring or becoming a widow)
- Too Much to Do in Too Little Time (stress)
- Dealing With Loneliness in the Ministry
- What Are the Responsibilities of a Minister's Wife and the Responses
- Encouragement for Mothers of Small Children

We will have these sessions twice during the morning so that each person will have the opportunity to attend two sessions. There will be a break between the sessions. We will have information on the conference website, and each lady should receive an announcement and reminder in the mail. Ladies, plan now to attend. You will truly be blessed by the speakers and enjoy the fellowship with other ministers' wives. We look forward to seeing you in Falcon on April 11 and 12, 2008!

Soaring

I was asked to do the devotion for the Women's Ministries leadership seminar in January, and the theme for the session was "Up, Up, and Away!" The topic I used was "We Can Soar!" Even a week later, I cannot get away from this thought, and I would like to share with you some of my thoughts toward "soaring."

The phrase "Up, Up, and Away" reminds us of balloons filled with helium that, when let go, zoom up through the clouds until they cannot be seen again. Most of us have enjoyed watching until the balloons are gone. The word that comes to me to describe this action is *soaring*. This word also reminds me of the eagles that soar through the sky and seem as if they are just resting on the wind as it flows through the canyons.

Let's just imagine that we are eagles with our strong, overpowering wings spread as we lift to the sky. We are taken to another level as we soar over all the other animals that otherwise would be a threat to our existence on the ground. We see our nests that are high up on the cliffs and protected from all the dangers that would be inevitable on the ground. We think of the feeling we have as we climb higher and higher with little effort. We should not have any stress after soaring through the rain or sunshine because of the safety of being in control of our situation.

Isaiah 40:28-31 says, "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

We humans cannot fly like the eagles, except in the strength and power of the Holy Spirit. When we see the enemy attacking us, we can depend on the wind of the precious Holy Spirit to lift us up above all the problems of this world. This may sound a little simplistic to most people, but when God gives us promises such as those in Isaiah 40:28-31, we cannot help but soar in faith that He will help us through the problems of this life. He will not fail us when we need Him. He is our strength!

If we wait upon the LORD, He will "...renew our strength and cause us to mount up with wings as eagles; we can run, and not be weary; and walk and not faint." There are three phases of moving in this scripture: mount up with wings (fly), run, and walk. No matter where we are in our relationship with the LORD, He is there to give us the exact strength that we need to keep going! He is faithful.

Trust Him with all those things that come to your life to bring you down and keep your chin dragging on the ground. Soar with the eagles because He expects us to. We can soar!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Tell Me a Story!

Saturday, March 29, 2008, we will have our annual archives training for pastors, church historians, and anyone else interested in preserving our church history. The theme of our training is "Tell Me a Story!"

We look forward to Rev. Jim Skinner, one of our Conference Archives Board members, giving our devotion. After our devotion, our first presenter will be Ms. Wanda Hunter, manager of the Local and State History Room at the Cumberland County Library in Fayetteville. She will be telling us about the services that our N.C. library system has available to church historians and anyone looking for historical information. I know that she will be giving us an abundance of information, and then there will be a question and answer period. Each of you will want to be there if possible.

The second section of the meeting will be a tribute to Rev. W. Eddie Morris. We will have an overview of his life with pictures presented in a PowerPoint slideshow. Ms. Sylvia Morris and Susan Morris-Caddell, Brother Eddie's daughters, will read from his daily diary entries, and other members of the family and friends will tell some of Brother Eddie and Mrs. Daisy's stories. Brother Morris, one of our God-given leaders, really made a difference in the conference for the time he lived but also for today. Some of the things Brother Morris presented and implemented in our conference have enabled the conference to carry on the business of the church in a much better way. Come and learn of the influence that one man can make in his world.

We ask that each person or church represented bring something of historical value to display with a card explaining its importance. We will also display several of our church histories that have been finished and passed on to the Conference Archives. If your church has a written history, please be sure that the Conference Archives has a copy. You will enjoy seeing the variety of histories and how they are presented. There is no set pattern for writing your history, but we will be offering handouts to anyone that needs some ideas on how to go about writing your church history. Please plan now to come and enjoy the training! We have had people comment that they wish we could have more than one training during the year.

I encourage each of our pastors to appoint a church historian or select a committee to work on your church's history, or at least make some preparations to preserve the details and artifacts of your history. If you want your people to appreciate their church and what God has done in the lives of its people, then you really need to make them aware of the ways God has moved in the past. Showing them pictures of what the church looked like in the early days and in the present or having charter members relate stories of how the church was started will give the whole congregation a sense of pride and appreciation to God for all He has done!

What is community pride? What is school pride? How do cheerleaders in our schools get the crowds all hyped up and so enthusiastic about the team? Why shouldn't we be that proud or excited about our churches and what the Lord is doing in our midst? Why not let everybody know what God is doing and encourage them to join you in services? We get excited about the least little thing and sometimes just take our churches and their people for granted. Share what God is doing and has done in your church with those who maybe don't have a church family. God will bless!

Did You Know...?

Did you know that Rev. G. F. Taylor was the man responsible for printing the first set of our Sunday school literature in 1913? Brother Taylor was also responsible for the building and operating of the first Pentecostal Holiness Publishing House in Franklin Springs, Georgia, in 1929. In 1917, Rev. Taylor was called on to found the first official organ of the church, *The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*. In 1919, he was given the task of founding the Franklin Springs Institute, later to be called Emmanuel College (from *Emmanuel College: The First Fifty Years,* by Rev. Vinson Synan).

Most of the time, we, as comparatively healthy people, tend to shun the opportunities that seem to be bigger than we could ever imagine, but not so for Rev. G. F. Taylor. "Although Mr. Taylor had a congenital physical handicap which hindered him throughout life, he possessed unusual intellectual capacities which approximated those of a genius" (*The Pentecostal Holiness Church: The First Fifty Years...Plus!* by Rev. Vinson Synan). Rev. G. F. Taylor had been commissioned by God to go and do, and his greatest desire as a servant of God was to please Him.

Let us, as servants of the King, be more concerned with moving at the Lord's call and commission to do His will over any obstacle that would hinder us in this life! Go with an excitement and peace, knowing that God not only sends you, but will also go before you and then go with you. May God bless!

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LIFE IS IN CHRIST

As believers, our focus should always be our life in Christ.
Praise – Worship – The Word – Fasting – Prayer

Without Life

Self-reliance – "by the sweat of your brow" (Gen. 3:17-19)

- Physical Work to obtain bread (food – supplies – finances)
- Adam and Eve alienated from God and created a sense of fear.
- The harmony they knew was broken with strife.
- Hard physical work would be the way for provision and being sustained.
- Process of aging began and physical death.

A Life of Dissatisfaction

Dissatisfied with God's provision (Exodus 16:2-20)

- God provides for His people, and they are dissatisfied with bread – "manna."
- The Israelities became more dissatisfied and rebellious.
- The behavior of the Israelites on the journey to Sinai shows us why God found it necessary to introuduce the law. (This made them responsible for their actions and provided God with a basis on which He could discipline when His people did wrong.)
- Grace without responsibility, like love without discipline, doesn't promote holiness.
- Today God deals with us in grace.
- God still disciplines us, not to punish but to guide (Heb 12:10 – "that we might be partakers of his holiness").

A Life of Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Focus: God provides "Our daily bread"

- "Our" – we need to focus on other people and their needs.
- "Father" – resemble Him in your daily life.
- "Who art in heaven" – our attention is focused on heavenly things.

Focus: Holy Spirit Life "Our daily bread"

- Ask the Father to give us daily bread, spiritually, financially, emotionally.
- Consider praying, fasting.
- Consider doing an honest day's work for physical provision.
- Consider being a servant for God's Kingdom.
- Consider those less fortunate.

Life is in the words that proceed out of the mouth of God.

- Physical bread is not enough: "Man Does not live by bread alone" (Deut. 8:1-3).
- Every word spoken by God is life.

Life is in Christ, the Source and Sustainer of life.

- John 6:26-40, "I am the bread of life."
- Source – origin, expert, beginning.
- Sustainer – supporter, mentor, advocate, sponsor.

"TOGETHER"	*"ONE BODY"*	*"SEEKING THE LIFE GIVER!"*
PRAY	**LOVE**	**LIVE**

IN CHRIST!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

La Escuela de Ministerio Hispana

Aproximadamente cada tres meses se realiza en Falcon la Escuela de Ministerio Hispana. Es una herramienta para capacitar líderes de las iglesias locales y proveer de recursos a los pastores, sobre diferentes tópicos que les ayudan a hacer el trabajo en sus iglesias en foma más efectiva.

Este pasado enero tuvimos nuestra primer Escuela de Ministerio de este año, la cual fue de gran bendición para un número de 244 personas que asistieron a las clases. Tuvimos al Dr, Ron Carpenter enseñando a los pastores de las iglesias y al Dr. Alberto Rizzo quien enseñó a los líderes de las iglesias locales. Según los testimonios de las personas que asistieron, fueron en gran manera inspirados por las enseñanzas y la presencia de Dios, la cual fue real entre nosotros.

A todos los pastores que puedan leer este artículo, muy especialmente a aquellos que no vienen a estos eventos de entrenamiento; les estamos animando para que tomen la oportunidad de seguir renovando su liderazgo y trayendo cambios a su ministerio, especialmente en medio de una sociedad que cambia cada día. Debemos estar preparados para ministrar a una comunidad cada vez más compleja. La Escuela de Ministerio te ayudará a alcanzar y a ministrar tu ciudad en forma fructífera y a levantar tu nivel de liderazgo para glorificar a Dios con una labor cada vez más eficaz.

El libro de Proverbios 12:1 dice: "Para aprender, tienes que desear la enseñanza."

Un llamado y demanda del Señor sobre todos los que ostentamos una posición de líderazgo, es que nos mantengamos aprendiendo. Debemos amar la enseñanza y dejar que esta nos forme en aquello que Dios desea que seamos.

Creo que cada uno de nosotros debemos ser entrenados y aprender por las siguientes razones:

1. Dios desea que estemos preparados
2. Aprenderemos formas más efectivas de hacer nuestro trabajo
3. Continuaremo siendo renovados
4. Maneras creativas mantendran el ministerio vivo
5. Conoceremos mejor las necesidades de la gente para ministrarles a ellos
6. Nos podemos mantener al día con los cambios de nuestro entorno
7. Mejor conocimiento de la Palabra de Dios para aplicarla a nosotros mismos y a la gente.

Glorifica al Señor junto con nosotros por este gran recurso llamado Escuela de Ministerio, y le invito a observar algunas de las fotos de la Escuela que tuvimos el mes pasado.

The School of Ministry

Every three months the Hispanic School of Ministry takes place in Falcon. This event is a great tool to train local church leaders and to provide resources to pastors about different topics that are designed to help them to do more effective work in their churches.

This past January we had our first School of Ministry of the year; this School was a

great blessing to 244 people who attended the classes. We had Dr. Ron Carpenter teaching our pastors, and Dr. Alberto Rizzo, who taught the local church leaders. We received testimonies of several people who were inspired by the teachings and the presence of God among us.

To all the pastors who will read this article, but especially those who are not attending these trainings, we challenge you to take the opportunity to renovate your leadership and bring changes to your ministry, especially within a society that changes every day. We ought to be prepared to minister to a more and more complex community. The School of Ministry will help you to reach and minister to your city in a more fruitful way and to raise the level of your leadership for the glory of God, with more effective labor.

The Book of Proverbs 12:1 says, "To learn, you have to want the teaching."

The Lord is calling all who have a leadership position to continue learning. We ought to love the teaching and let it shape us into what God wants us to be.

I believe every one of us ought to be trained and learn for the following reasons:

1. God wants us to be prepared.
2. We will learn more effective ways to do our work.
3. We will continue being renovated.
4. Creative ways will keep the ministry alive.
5. We will know the needs of the people better for ministry to them.
6. We can keep up with the changes in our environment.
7. We will have better knowledge of the Word of God and apply it to ourselves and to the people.

Please joint us to glorify God because of this great resource called School of Ministry, and I invite you to observe some of the pictures of the last school.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Went to heaven on Jan. 26, 2008

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. W. J. Forehand

Jim and Helen (Long) Forehand were saved in the old Oak Street PH Church in 1952 in a revival conducted by Rev. Mrs. Ada Lee Thurman. About a year later they were married. After a four year stint in the US Coast Guard he pursued his education at Holmes Bible College and Pembroke State University. The Forehands really didn't have pastoring on their minds until the Stationing Committee report was read..."***Chadbourn, W. J. Forehand!"*** *All of a sudden, to their surprise, he was a pastor!* Following **Chadbourn (8yrs.)** was **Mt. Carmel (4 yrs.)** and then **Kinston First (21.5 yrs.)**. Each church was blessed with outstanding growth. But down deep, Jim's first love was *evangelism...a ministry gift that had exercised itself through him during his 33 plus pastoral years as well as since he entered evangelism full-time in 1994.* His official retirement was in 1999 with a total of 41 years of service to the church. He has continued to evangelize, though at a little slower pace. Jim will tell you ***"that marrying Helen was the best thing that ever happened to me."*** Though fully involved in her husband's ministry, few will ever know of her personal outreach to others who were hurting and discouraged. Jim and Helen live in their home in Kinston. Though much in demand, he tries to limit his revivals to two weeks a month. They are blessed with good health and stay on the go most of the time. Their two children, Diane and Tracie, live close by and Helen is never more pleased than when their three grandchildren come to visit "Grandma". Jim says that he still finds time to enjoy some hunting and fishing and has a few other interest as well.

Rev. Pauline and Willie Knowles

Pauline (Caddell) Knowles gave her heart to Jesus in 1950. As a young person she was afflicted with TB and spent over 2 years in a sanatorium. In 1951, she attended an Oral Roberts meeting in High Point, NC **and God healed her completely.** God called her to preach, she joined the conference in 1955 and in 1975 was ordained. In 1958 she was appointed pastor of the **Penderlea PH Church** and pastored it for **40 years** until her retirement in 1998, very likely a record achievement for any pastor in the church at that time. In 1961 she was married to Mr. Willie Knowles, a widower with 5 young children. Soon after, she and Willie had 2 daughters of their own (Irene & Rita) for a total of 7 children. Mr. Knowles has worked as hard in the church as any one, doing everything but preach...he left that to Pauline! He does a lot of the cooking, has a big garden, and spends lots of time with the grandchildren. Pauline is doing well inspite of having had breast cancer and some heart trouble. She still loves to **"tell the old, old story"** and welcomes every opportunity to witness for the Lord.

A RETIRED MINISTER SPEAKS OUT FOR THE BIBLE

Bible Principles Are Country's Foundation

By Rev. Conrad N. Hall

(As it appeared in the Fayetteville Observer)

The Bible was and is the textbook and the motivational force that established Christianity in America. It is the foundation upon which our country was brought into existence.

As then, so today, there can be no substitute for the Holy Bible...it is the Word of God. By its principles, namely, the *Ten Commandments* in the Old Testament and the *Sermon on the Mount* by Jesus in the New Testament, among other teachings, the Bible gives credence to many of the laws that are woven into the judicial system of the United States. Because of this, the Christian faith is the great conserving element on which we must rely for the purity and the permanence of our fee institutions, which also include our public school system.

We only need to look briefly at what was taught in the schools in the early years of America. By the way, in 1954, a resolution was presented by the Congress and this is what it said: "The Congress of the United States recommends and approves the Holy Bible for use in our Schools."

It is my opinion that the Bible is the greatest of all books ever written. I love its beauty and its mystery. It illuminates and inspires my life. It motivates and develops love and forgiveness.

(Editor's Note: Rev. and Mrs. Hall have been retired since 1986, but by no means are they retired from the ministry. They have developed a number of programs that minister to and bless many people, all of which is a witness to the love of the Lord in their lives. From his home in Hope Mills, NC Rev. Hall watches with the "eye of an eagle" events that infringe on our Christian heritage and is quick to speak out to those in leadership across our state and nation, who's respect he has earned. He has proven that we can continue to affect lives and wield an influence for good even in retirement! Thank you, Brother and Sister Hall!)

Plan Now To Attend!

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT

Rev. Doyle Marley

Featured Speaker

May 5, 6, 7, 2008

Conference Training Center
Falcon, North Carolina

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT"

I, Brenda Lucas, am now a missionary mom. How unworthy I feel that God has chosen my once-rebellious little girl to be a servant for Him to those in Africa, especially the children.

My eyes were opened wide when I saw how my daughter, Angie Lucas Pope; her husband, Jim; and their four children, Taylor, Gabriel, Logan, and MaKayla, went from church to church itinerating for support to go to Africa.

I have owned a child-care center for 28 years. I sent out a letter explaining a missionary's need for support in his or her ministry. I challenged my parents to give $1.00 or more the first of each month for the Popes' children's ministry. I placed an ice cream bucket with my missionary family's picture on it at the entrance of the front door. My teachers talked to their classes during "Bible story time" about what missionaries do for others. They reminded the children to bring their $1.00 to put in the bucket. Tell children - and who can refuse a child?

As I thought of other ways to raise money for my missionary family, I began to bake sourdough bread to sell. I was baking 22 loaves per week. Then I began to make Amish friendship bread, selling as many as 76 loaves per week along with the sourdough bread.

When my missionary family arrived in Africa in May 2006, the day-care children had given $1,500 to their ministry account. Little did I know most missionaries do not have funds in this account when they arrive on the field. Over a period of one and a half years, the day-care children and their families have given over $5,000 to this ministry account. Praise be to the Lord!

I have learned to beg as a missionary mom. Not for me, not for Angie and Jim Pope, but for the lost children of Africa. As Angie and Jim and their children feed them spiritually, we here at home try to feed them physically. God has richly provided much with the giving of $1.00 and the selling of bread.

As I have stated, "Little is much when God is in it." God needs an extended arm to help missionaries in a foreign country. Will you help?

Brenda Lucas
A Proud Missionary Mom

Building Dedication – Rivers of Living Waters PH Church, Turkey, NC

Bro. Luis Avila and I traveled to Living Waters on Saturday, January 5, to dedicate the new facility and five acres of land. It was a wonderful and anointed evening of fellowship, praise and worship, preaching, and a wonderful meal to follow. There were 162 present in the 300-seat auditorium. At the conclusion of the preaching of dedication, 13 came forward to make a commitment of faith to Jesus Christ. Pastor Jose Cruz has done a fabulous job of putting together the land and building project. The people were extremely enthusiastic as we repeated the dedication process. They have approximately $200,000 invested in the project that is worth over $500,000. To God be the glory for this accomplishment! We definitely look forward to hearing continued reports of revival and harvest!

Organization of New Born PH Church – Wilson, NC

On Sunday, January 27, Bishop Chris Thompson, Luis Avila, and I traveled to Wilson to organize and bring in to the NC Conference the New Born Church, pastor Tomas Serrano.

This is a strong and growing church of 52 members; over 70 were in attendance. Brother Serrano is doing a tremendous work leading this congregation. A huge word of thanks goes to the Greater Mount Paran Assembly Church, pastor Dr. Bruce Avery, for hosting that group for over one year as New Born looks for a facility. It was a great day of fellowship, excitement, and preaching. I look forward to hearing continued reports of great accomplishments through this new Pentecostal Holiness Church as they reach out into the city of Wilson and Wilson County.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE M25 ANNUAL SUMMIT MEETING

Saturday, April 12, 2008
9:00am – 12:00noon
Culbreth Memorial PH Church — Falcon, NC

Special Speaker will be Rev. Gary Burd, bishop of the Texas Conference. Rev. Burd serves as the national liaison for M25 Ministries. All churches are encouraged to bring a group with you to this meeting. Pastors, CEUs may be earned by attending. For more information, please contact Rev. Steve Enloe, NC Conference M25 coordinator, at 910-425-7474.

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS, MINISTERS, AND CHURCH PLANTERS!

April 17-19, 2008 -- Falcon, NC

Within our congregations there are "church planters" who need to be identified, trained, sponsored, and sent out to plant churches. There are pastors in North Carolina who have a vision to plant/mother a church out of their existing congregations. There are also numerous independent, full-gospel congregations that are seeking the fellowship, resources, and outreach of the IPHC.

This will be a historic and momentous event! We have several exciting speakers coming in to present during our 2½-day training. These individuals are well qualified in the areas of church planting, evangelism, and church growth:

Dr. Ron Carpenter
Director
Evangelism USA-IPHC

Dr. Luis Avila
Hispanic Ministries
Coordinator
NC Conference

Rev. Macon Wilson
Director-African American
Ministries
IPHC

Rev. Rick Fountain
Assistant Director
Evangelism USA-IPHC

Rev. Garry Bryant
National Field Director
ACTS2DAY Ministries

Rev. David Avila
Director-Hispanic
Ministries
IPHC

The training will include:

- *New Testament Church Planting*
- *Church Planting Methods*
- *Church Multiplication*
- *Timeline*
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- *Personnel Selection*
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- *Visitation and Follow-Up*
- *Church Planters' Manual*

DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE AND AWESOME OPPORTUNITY to receive exclusive, cutting-edge training and resources for the planting and mothering of churches across our conference! We anticipate the response and participation from our conference, and other conferences that are invited, to be positive and overwhelming!

For more information, to request a brochure, or to register for City Quest, please call Nicole at 910-980-1162 *or* e-mail us your request at sunshine527@nc.rr.com. We look forward to seeing ***you*** at City Quest 2008!

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Charles Boyd
Church Education Ministries Director

Fire & Ice 2008

Sometimes adults find it difficult to understand why it is so important to send our kids to events like Fire & Ice. We may see it as just another excuse for the teenagers to have a weekend away from home. Fire & Ice is much more than that! Please enjoy and be blessed by these testimonies from some of our conference youth.

Pastor Greg Dixon, Stedman PHC: This was another great Fire & Ice for our teenagers. Through this event, they were able to get a sense of what it means to gather together with several thousand of their peers and worship God. On Saturday night, Michael Rowan spoke on holiness and getting rid of the junk that continues to separate us from God. As the altar call was given, teenagers filled the altars and the aisles. The young people dropped to their knees, asking for forgiveness and seeking His presence. Afterwards, as I looked into their eyes, I knew there was something different. This wasn't like the times before, but they had truly given themselves completely to the Father.

Youth Leader Rayford Dunning, Culbreth Memorial PHC: This year was just different from all the other years we have attended Fire & Ice. For the first time, a majority of our youth had never been before and, in fact, had never been on any kind of youth trip whatsoever. In leading up to this trip, I had been encouraging them to be expectant of God and to anticipate His move in their lives. In our group, like many others, there are great diversity and strong differences among the youth. For a long time, this has caused a wall to be between the youth. Sometimes, it's as though we have several different groups within our one youth group. But they went on this trip expecting God to move in their lives, and He did. On our bus ride home, one of the girls stood and said that she finally felt like we were a family and that she had people she could lean on. Isn't God awesome! I can honestly say that our group will never be the same. These kinds of changes don't happen overnight and don't happen by staying at home. I am so thankful to the Lord for what He is doing, and I encourage everyone to seek the Lord for this generation.

And now, an important note from the Fire & Ice Committee: Since its inception in 1998, Fire & Ice has endeavored to be more than just a weekend experience. It has been the hopes and prayers of all the Fire & Ice team not to just have a flash in the pan, but to see the fire of God ignite a blaze that can't be put out in the hearts of youth and their leaders in the church. In our attempts to trademark the name of Fire & Ice, we discovered that someone else had purchased the rights to that name. As such, we've filed the paperwork to own the trademark for a new name. Beginning next year, in 2009, this event will be known as "Accelerant." An accelerant is any substance or mixture that accelerates the development of fire. Some accelerants may cause an explosion. It's a substance that is used as a catalyst to spread an intentionally set fire or to make a fire more intense. Our continued intent is that Accelerant Conferences will rapidly develop and intensify fire in you that will spread over to your church and community.

We'll see you next year at Accelerant!
January 29 – February 1, 2009

Stedman Youth Group at Fire & Ice →

← A snowboarder from Whitley Church

↑ Whitley Church girls building friendships

← Youth Group from Culbreth Memorial

2008 Primetimers' Trip

Destination: Branson, Missouri

It is time to get your deposit in for the sixth annual Primetimers' Trip. This trip on November 17-22, 2008, will be a first for us and our denomination as Primetimers from all over the nation will converge in Branson, Missouri. Secure your spot today with an $80 deposit per person. Only the first 105 will be able to join us, due to limited space. The cost for this trip will be $780/person. This package includes the bus trip, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 3 full dinners, 2 shows, taxes, and gratuities. Begin now by budgeting for a $100 payment each month, beginning in April and until we pull out of the parking lot in Falcon on that early November morning. All convention activities will be hosted at the Hilton Branson Convention Center Hotel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (910) 980-1162 or cem@nc.rr.com. We hope to see you there!

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New Director
Church Education Ministries

MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH – MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

CHANGE

Church Education Ministries Director

In December 2000, the Lord gave the North Carolina Conference a gift in the lives of Charles and Laura Boyd. Reverend Charles W. Boyd became the Church Education Ministries director. Reverend Boyd has served the North Carolina Conference faithfully for almost eight years. He has done an excellent job. Recently Charles accepted the position of national youth pastor and assistant director of Church Education Ministries in Oklahoma City.

Brother Boyd began his new ministry on March 1, 2008. He will be back and forth to Oklahoma for a time. The family will be moving in June. Charles will enjoy a temporary office in Falcon.

Charles has been mightily used of the Lord in the last eight years. The youth camps have grown in number and size. A Hispanic camp was begun. Now there are five "full" youth camps. A new recreational field for the camps was established behind the Octagon Tabernacle.

Primetimers was begun. Charles has taken the conference seniors from Tennessee to New York City. Last year three buses went to New York City. This year they are going to Branson, Missouri.

Special meetings were organized for the youth. These meetings, called "The Gathering," have blessed many youth across the conference. Many have been saved.

Charles has organized a youth praise team. This team has ministered across the conference.

In the last two years Camp Freedom has begun. Camp Freedom is a 92-acre camp for boys and girls. A seven-acre lake with piers has been established. The acreage is being developed rapidly. Already roads, campsites, a headquarters building, and a bathhouse have been built. It is absolutely beautiful.

Reverend Boyd has been the national talent director for several years. He has further developed this excellent program. He has been a source of help and encouragement for the National Youth Quest.

I salute Charles and Laura and pray for them. They have a great future and are a blessing to the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Charles has been a great help to me. We have preached, prayed, shouted, and cried together. We have traveled many a mile together and have seen the Lord do miracles in our conference. I will miss him.

New Director

Reverend Jon (Jonathan) Oliver

The Lord always has His man! His man for our new Church Education Ministries director is Jonathan Scott Oliver. A committee of conference board members and Church Education board members considered several and interviewed three for the position. After several days of prayer and reflection, Brother Oliver was selected. He began work on March 1, 2008. He and his wife, Nicole, will be moving to the Falcon area as quickly as possible, probably after school is out.

Brother Jon Oliver is well qualified for the position. He is a graduate of Emmanuel College with a bachelor of science degree. He graduated magna cum laude in 1995. His major in interdisciplinary studies included emphasis in business administration and Christian ministries.

Since 1999 he ministered at the Saint Paul Church in Greenville. There he worked very closely with Pastor Allen Mayo. He served as the executive pastor to the senior pastor and as life development pastor (youth, etc.). He was a member of the conference Church Education Ministries board at the time of his selection as Church Education Ministries director. Prior to his working at the St. Paul Church, he served the Clinton Church as youth pastor.

I look forward to working with Brother Oliver. He will be a great addition to our staff at the conference Resource Development Center.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Dr. Chrystal Turner Rooks! Dr. Rooks completed her doctor of dental surgery (D.D.S.) degree in May 2007 at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry after completing an undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She and her husband, Rev. Chris Rooks of the North Carolina Conference, along with their two daughters, are currently living in LaGrange, NC. Dr. Rooks is practicing general dentistry in Snow Hill, NC. Rev. Rooks and his family have been living in Virginia for the last four years and are happy to be back home in North Carolina.

Mrs. Brenda Waters Corbett

June 14, 1947 – February 28, 2008

Sister Brenda Corbett, wife of Pastor Gerald Corbett, was sick for several weeks in the hospital. Early on Thursday morning, February 28, she was called home. She went sick in body but vibrant in spirit.

Sister Corbett had served for years faithfully beside her pastor husband. They were currently pastoring the Mission for Christ near Jacksonville. In addition, she had served for years as the assistant clerk of court in Jacksonville. Brenda was known as a woman of faith and hospitality. She loved people and loved ministering to them.

Her funeral celebration service was held on Monday, March 3, at the Johnson Funeral Home in Jacksonville, North Carolina. The services were conducted by Bishop Chris Thompson, Reverend Harold Turner, and Reverend Frinchie Lowery. Burial was in Onslow Memorial Park.

Reverend Gerald Corbett joined the North Carolina Conference in 2002. He has been a faithful member of the conference since that time.

Brenda will long be remembered by her family and friends as a woman of Christ.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

April/May 2008

Rev. Mrs. Clara Williams	April 1
Rev. Mrs. Patricia Johnson	April 2
Rev. Vera Griffin	April 7
Rev. Jesse Horne	April 8
Rev. G. S. Holliday	April 11
Rev. Richard Waters	April 13
Rev. W. J. Forehand	April 17
Rev. David Jones	April 17
Rev. Rodney Knowles	April 23
Rev. Jettie Parker	April 24
Rev. Lamarr Jackson	April 24
Rev. Guy Prosper	April 29
Rev. Tim Creel	May 3
Rev. Ralph Leggett	May 17
Rev. Lee Toler	May 19
Rev. R. N. Hood	May 19
Rev. Mrs. Elsie Arthur	May 19
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

God Is the Gospel: Meditations on God's Love as the Gift of Himself

by John Piper. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 185 pages.

The glory and majesty of God challenges the mature believer as few subjects could, simply because there exists no greater subject than the glory and majesty of God. Relatively speaking, few books and articles exist to help the pursuer of God find the heartfelt truths and challenges that lead to a greater knowledge and sure experiences of the glory and majesty of God. Jonathan Edwards, John Owens, and John Wesley, great saints of the past, possessed unusual insight into the excellences of God. John Piper serves as a link to the past to help us understand, appreciate, and experience more of God and the centrality of His gospel.

Drawing primarily from the works of Edwards and Owens, in 11 chapters, including an introduction and conclusion, Piper presents a short treatise on the all-satisfying gift of God's love and His beauty. He contends that God is the gospel in the sense that the "highest, best, final, decisive good of the gospel, without which no other gifts would be good, is the glory of God in the face of Christ revealed for our everlasting enjoyment. The saving love of God is God's commitment to do everything necessary to enthrall us with what is most deeply and durably satisfying, namely himself." The gospel helps the believer to see Jesus, who is the image of God.

Jesus Christ suffered to bring us to God, proving that God loves each of us. The gospel of Jesus Christ reveals the glory of God, meaning that the gospel is God-centered, not man-centered. Who, then, is our joy? What, then, gives us true joy?

Piper wrote, "If people are not awakened to the preciousness of God and the beauty of His glory in the face of Christ, the sorrow of their contrition will not be owing to their failure to cherish God and prize His glory. It will be owing to the fear of hell, or the foolishness of their former behavior, or the waste of their lives. But none of these grounds for contrition, by themselves, is an honor to God." In other words, only joy-based sorrow honors God. Deeply appreciating one's past and the effort taken to deliver from the condemning past makes it possible for a person truly to experience the unspeakable joy offered to the child of God. The joy is not self-admiration because God loves; the joy is in knowing Christ and glorifying God!

We were made to admire Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His life was a "majesty in meekness, uncompromising justice tempered with mercy, sovereign over the world yet clothed with a spirit of obedience and submission." Children of God must see the compelling spiritual beauty and the supreme preciousness of the facts of the gospel in order to be driven to tell God's gospel to people who have never seen that beauty. Satan hates Christ's beauty and blinds people from seeing that beauty. This seems to be the impetus for this publication, to help the reader see the glory of God in Christ revealed through the gospel.

A Legacy of Faith: A Fresh Look at Blessing, Morality, Self-Worth, and Mentorship

by Rick Hathaway. Mustang, Oklahoma: Tate Publishing and Enterprises. 249 pages.

Although the conflict between truth and error increases in intensity as the world nears the terminal existence of human civilizations, Christians hold to a positive worldview that embraces objective, absolute, God-glorifying truth. The author, Rick Hathaway, a seasoned pastor and church planter, presents four major lies that help advance the negative worldview: (1) "Blessing Means Having," (2) "Morality Is Relative," (3) "Life Has No Value," and (4) "Males Are Meaningless." The purpose of the book is to address these misconceptions and present the right and true, based on God's Word.

For example, materialism makes the gifts of God into god. Which is better, the American Dream or the Kingdom of God? Designed for the typical 13-week small-group setting, the chapters include personal biographical incidents and reflections, selected pertinent quotes, personal comments on various supporting Scriptures from the Old and New Testament, Bible principles, and discussion questions.

It is a book of hope and encouragement. The author calls for men to understand their personal worth, not only for themselves, but also for others. New generations of young people need moral examples. Deep within every human heart throbs the hope of a good, rich, and spiritually rewarding life. Mature Christians must lead by example so the youth of this country can visualize holiness and hope to find complete fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Hathaway strongly contends it is not a hopeless mission; He wrote, "My vision for family is a healthy male leadership figure and a healthy female co-partner in the general harmony of structuring healthy children." May God raise up a new generation of young boys and girls who resist the popular cultural influences of today and faithfully live to produce nuclear families again.

As the home goes, so goes society, and as the society goes, so goes the world. If there is any hope or bright future for this generation, returning to the Bible is the answer. A Legacy of Faith encourages readers to build a true and lasting relationship with God and family, and live out that precious faith for others to see. We must agree that it is the only beacon of hope for the world. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things".

(Phil. 4:8)

Have you ever noticed how we anticipate the first words from a baby's mouth? "Did you hear that? He said, 'Nana'! He's so small, and he said, 'Nana'!" Mr. Henry and I sit on the edge of our seats just waiting for our grandson to say, "Nana" or "Papa." We all agreed Carter knows what he's saying even if we don't.

But soon the babbling will become real words with less questionable meanings – words like "No!" And from then on, words will pour out. Researchers give us various estimates as to the number of words an average person speaks in a day. But one thing they agree – it's a lot. One researcher says a good average is 30,000 words per day. Can you imagine?

We want you to have a chance to share your words; on Saturday, May 3, we will have our Directors' Council meeting in Falcon. All WM directors are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for you to exchange ideas, share your thoughts, and glean from others about Women's Ministries on the local level. This meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans now to join us for this time of fun, food, and fellowship. This meeting is designed to encourage you.

Remember, "Together we can make a difference."

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

May I Introduce You to....
The Rocky Mount District Director
Mrs. Betty B. Watson

Betty attends the Thomas Chapel PH Church in Henderson, NC, where she serves as local WM director. She has three grown children, Becky, Susan, and Jeffrey, and she enjoys reading and crafts.

If you would like to invite Betty to participate in your local Women's Ministries activities, you can contact her by calling 252-492-6767.

We are excited and blessed to have this talented woman serve as our district director in this area.

POTPOURRI....

- Thread your needle easily the first time. Squirt the end of the thread with hairspray and let it dry. The thread will stiffen up, so it's easy to push it through the needle's eye.
- To make dried-out cupcakes and muffins taste oven-fresh, brush them with milk and place in a warm oven for six to eight minutes.
- Add a teaspoon of water when frying ground beef. It will help pull the grease away from the meat while cooking.

"Up, Up and Away" was the theme for our leadership seminar held in January at Grace Family Fellowship in Robersonville. A great big "thank you" goes to Elaine Stalls and the women of the church for their wonderful hospitality and for making our time there so enjoyable. We were blessed!

MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH – MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Editor's note: The following is a story being circulated by e-mail.

The Choices You Make

At a fund-raising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that no one who attended would ever forget. He offered this question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the nature of things in my son?" The father continued, "I believe that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped, comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child." He began to tell this story.

Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they will let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay to be on their team, but the father also understood that if his son was allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his disability. Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting too much) if Shay could play ball.

The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We are losing by six runs, and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team, and we will try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. His father watched with a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son's being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three runs. In the top of the ninth, Shay put on a glove and played in right field. Even through no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth, Shay's team scored again. With two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base, and Shay was scheduled to bat next. At this junction, should they let Shay bat and give away the chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to throw the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact. The first pitch came, and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball towards Shay softly again. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back the pitcher. If the pitcher picked up the ball and threw it to the first base, Shay would be out, end of game. Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all the teammates. Everyone started screaming from the stands and both teams for Shay to run to first base. Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

Then everyone started screaming for him to run to second. Shay, after catching his breath, awkwardly ran to second base, gleaming and struggling. By the time Shay got to second base, the right fielder had the ball. The right fielder was the smallest boy on the team, and this could be his time to make a play. He could have thrown the ball to second for the out, but he understood the pitcher's intentions, so he threw the ball high and far over the third baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home.

All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the way, Shay!" Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base and shouted, "Run to third, Shay! Run to third, Shay!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams and the spectators were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home! Run home!" Shay ran home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the home run that won the game for his team.

"That day," said the father softly, with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world."

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero, making his father happy, and coming home and having his mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day.

No matter who it may be or what the circumstance, you can make a difference by the choices you make.

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Together Experiencing His Glory

The theme established by our conference leadership is "together." One of the verses to which Bishop Thompson referred when he introduced it is found in Isaiah 40:5: "The glory of the lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

It is a wonderful promise spoken by the prophet to encourage the people of God during a time of spiritual drought. As they turned their hearts toward God in repentance, He promised to have mercy and promised His glory would be revealed. It would be something they would experience "together." It struck me that the prophet seemed to make a connection between the "glory of the LORD" and God's people being "together."

The word *glory* as it is used in the Old and New Testaments conveys the dual meanings of giving weight to something and placing value upon something. It refers especially to the weight of God's presence and to valuing the things of the Lord. What power is revealed when that becomes the common focus that brings us together!

In John 17:22, in His high priestly prayer, Jesus says, "The glory which you have given me, I have given to them, that they may be one, just as we are one"—to which I say, "Lord, grant an impartation of your glory, and let it be something we experience *together*." What God forms, He fills! When He formed man from the dust of the earth, He breathed into that lifeless form His "glory"—the breath of His presence.

When the tabernacle was formed in accordance with His plan, Exodus 40:34, 35 says, "Then, the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle."

When Solomon had finished building the temple, Scripture says, "Now when Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the house."

Can it be said that God is forming a house in the hearts of His people throughout the North Carolina Conference so that He may reveal His glory in us and through us together? May God grant the answer to the prayer of Jesus in John 17 with a fresh impartation of His glory in such a way that "all shall see it together." It will be a "weightiness" that overthrows the power of Satan while building the kingdom of God.

Certainly one of the lifelines for experiencing the weight (glory) of His presence is in being together in prayer. Hear the promise of Jesus in Matthew 18:19, 20: "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

The mobilization of people for prayer is not measured in numbers but in a spirit of obedience and a passion to abide in His presence. Elijah bowed all alone on the mountaintop as he called upon God to answer with fire from heaven. You may stand alone in the place of prayer, or there may be two or three, but your sacrifice of obedience and your passion for God's glory will meet with a response from heaven. The words of Jesus assure us that when we come together in prayer, we will

- Experience His presence
  ("There am I with them")
- Discover His strength
  ("in my name") "You are a shield for those who run to you for help… You are a mighty rock… You give me strength…" (Psalm 18:31, 32)
- See His mighty hand do great things
  ("it will be done")

The Lord has declared a spirit of "togetherness" upon the North Carolina Conference in 2008. Let us carve out a large place through prayer for the glory of God to be imparted, empowering us to experience breakthrough and the building up of all that the Holy Spirit is birthing among us.

—Randal Strickland, WIN Board Member

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Rest for Your Souls

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Christians today are facing such hard problems and sometimes are enveloped in such an overwhelming sense of discouragement that it is easy for them to lose sight of the Savior. I know we have all been there at one time or another, and our Lord brings us out of this state of mind over time.

One way for us to come through the fog of discouragement and feeling sorry for ourselves is to look to the Savior and God's Word. When we pray and seek Him and then are reinforced by His Word, there is no way we cannot be encouraged and see Him at the end of the tunnel.

Every day we hear of a problem or sad situation facing some of His children, but God is able to keep us, no matter how hard the trial! Just as the scripture above states, "…I will give you rest," He will carry our burden and take the load from us. Sometimes these heartaches can become very heavy and really drag us down, but He is faithful to come to our rescue.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, and He gave us the promise of a Comforter, we could not imagine the strength and support that the precious Holy Spirit could give! He is our helper in every situation. He is our peace that no man can explain. He is our support when we feel we cannot go on. He loves us so much that He is there with us, to lead us and guide us in all our decisions. He gives us the words to say when we pray and depend on Him. He is our comforter when no one else can say the right words. He knows exactly what we need to keep us going. He knows whom to send to our side when we need a friend to lean on and to encourage us. Why not look to Him as your very best friend? He is that and more. He is that rest for your soul.

Get Away and Grow!

A Retreat for Ministers' Wives and Lay Ministers

Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12, 2008

in the New J. A. Culbreth Auditorium Meeting Rooms

(The School of Ministry will be in the Cafeteria)

Falcon, North Carolina

Shopping, Food, Games, Food, Fellowship, Praise and Breakout Sessions

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Dinner and Shopping (Smithfield Outlets)
10:00 p.m. Movie – *The Ultimate Gift*

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Praise and Prayer
9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Breakout Sessions
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Closing Assembly

THE WORKSHOP TOPICS ARE:

1. **What Do I Do Now? (Ministry Opportunities for Widows of Ministers)**
2. **Children and the Ministry**
3. **Too Much to Do in Too Little Time – Stress Management**
4. **Dealing With Medical Crises in the Family**
5. **What Are My Responsibilities as a Minister's Wife?**
6. **Loneliness in the Ministry**

We hope you will plan to come to this time of fun, fellowship, and training. If you cannot come early and go to supper and shop with us, come and stay the night and be here on Saturday for the workshops. We look forward to this time together. May God bless!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

North Carolina Conference Archives Training
Saturday, March 29, 2008

The Annual Archives Training for this year will have taken place by the time you read this, and I know that if you were not able to be there, you missed a really good program.

Ms. Wanda Turner, manager of the Local and State History Room at the Cumberland County Library in Fayetteville, came to give us information on resources for church historians or genealogists.

The theme for our training was "Tell Me a Story," and it became a time of honoring Reverend W. Eddie Morris, former conference superintendent. The program consisted of a PowerPoint presentation of photos, family members reading from Brother Morris' diaries, and others who told stories of their relationship with Brother Morris. Brother Morris was greatly used by God in many areas of our history. Brother Morris was a staunch supporter of protecting anything that was a part of the history of our church. He and Mrs. Daisy donated many items to the archives at the headquarters in Oklahoma City.

"That the Generation to Come Might Know Them…"

Psalm 78:1-7 says, "Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments."

There are many instances in the Bible where God tells us to hear His words and to continue passing these words on to each generation after us. What are we doing to pass on the blessings and praises of our God? Are we sitting with the young people and telling them about how we were saved? Are we sharing the pictures of the evangelist who came with his daughter, and they had a portable organ in a box? Did you pass on the story of riding in a big old farm truck to camp meeting and staying in the Ark? How many of you met and courted your husband or wife at Falcon Youth Camp or at the Falcon Camp Meeting?

There are many lively and interesting stories that have never been shared with anyone. Please start to write these stories down, or use a tape recorder and tape a visit with someone who has been a great influence on your life. Tomorrow could be too late!

Did You Know?

Did you know that most of the time when a church changes officers or board members, a lot of the church records and pictures end up staying with that former official? Most of the time it is just an oversight, but we must be more diligent about keeping church records, pictures, or memorabilia in a safe place in the church. One of the best ways to keep church records safe is to invest in a fireproof file cabinet that locks. The fireproof cabinets are a lot more expensive, but you will never regret keeping those things safe. If you cannot afford a fireproof cabinet, then just buy a safe or a regular file cabinet with a lock.

I have heard of church people and pastors taking it upon themselves just to clean out the church, with no thought of the importance of keeping records of any kind. Then there are those people who take the responsibility of taking care of records by taking them home with them with thoughts of protecting them, and then for one reason or another, they never are returned.

Churches or pastors, please consider taking care of these records by protecting them with a locking file cabinet. God expects us to take care of those things that are entrusted to us. Keep them safe. May God bless!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

VOLVIENDO LA DEBILIDAD EN FORTALEZA

Hebreos 11:34 dice: "...sacaron fuerza de debilidad, se hicieron fuertes en batallas..." Qué significa esto? Esto significa fe. Fue la fe la que hizo posible que la gente de la que se habla en este capítulo de la Biblia, sacaran fuerzas de debilidad.

Como pueblo de Dios necesitamos estos elementos en la vida cristiana: Santidad, sabiduría, amor, poder de Dios, humildad y fe. Sin embargo es la fe la que nos mueve a creer en Dios; Su poder y Sus promesas y es por fe que podemos tornar en fortaleza los momentos de gran debilidad.

La fortaleza de Dios es una de las cosas que cada uno de nosotros necesita en la vida cristiana. Muchas veces cuando pedimos oración por nosotros mismos, pedimos que Dios nos de fortaleza, lo cual significa la capacidad o habilidad para vivir en victoria. Sabemos que somos débiles, pero es por fe en nuestro Dios es que podemos recibir gracia para convertir la debilidad en fortaleza. Estamos peleando una batalla contra el enemigo por nosotros mismos y por la gente a la que le estamos ministrando, pero no es por nuestra fortaleza, sino en la fuerza del Señor. Joel 3:10 dice: "...Diga el débil: Fuerte soy"

También 1 Corintios 1:25 dice: "...y lo débil de Dios es más fuerte que los hombres." Esta parte no está hablando de alguna debilidad de El mismo, El no es débil. Esta parte está hablando de que Dios usa para llevar a cabo su obra, aquello que es más fuerte que la misma fuerza del hombre, porque es en la debilidad de tu vida que en Dios por la fe, usted vendrá a ser fuerte.

Miremos lo que dice el apóstol Pablo acerca de la fuerza en 2 Corintios 12:9-10 "Y me ha dicho: bástate mi gracia; porque mi poder se perfecciona en la debilidad. Por tanto, de buena gana me gloriaré más bien en mis debilidades, para que repose sobre mí el poder de Cristo. Por lo cual, por amor a Cristo me gozo en las debilidades, en persecuciones, en angustias; porque cuando soy débil, entonces soy fuerte." Cuando el poder de Cristo es hecho real en nosotros es cuando por fe podemos depender de El. Es por fe que tocamos Su gracia y Su gracia es suficiente para nosotros.

Isaías 40:29,31 dice: El da esfuerzo al cansado, y multiplica las fuerzas al que no tiene ningunas. Pero los que esperan a Jehová tendrán nuevas fuerzas; levantarán alas como las águilas; correrán, y no se cansarán; caminarán y no se fatigarán." Veamos lo que estos versículos de las escrituras nos enseñan:

a. Podemos volver en fortaleza nuestras debilidades por la visión y capacidad que se nos ha dado de ver y creer en el poder de Dios.
b. Nuestra dependencia del Señor, convertirá esos momentos de casi rendirse en momentos de gran fortaleza y victoria.
c. La gracia del Señor es suficiente para sostenernos, aun cuando no veamos nada claro a la distancia.
d. Hay gozo en las tribulaciones. El gozo de nuestros problemas debe inspirarnos para mirar esos momentos de gran debilidad y limitaciones con fe en Dios, podemos esperar en Su manifestación para lograrlo. En el capitulo 11 de Hebreos podemos ver eso en las siguientes personas:
   - Noé saco fuerza de debilidad para creer en Dios y obedecer en la construcción del arca, aun cuando todo el mundo estaba opuesto.
   - Abraham en un momento de gran debilidad saco fuerza para obedecer a Dios en ofrecer a su hijo en sacrificio en el monte que se la había dicho.
   - José saco fuerza de debilidad para conquistar la tentación que se le presentó con la esposa de Potifar.
   - Moisés saco fuerza de debilidad para creer en el milagro del mar abierto para salvar a los hijos de Israel de los egipcios.
   - Jacob saco fuerzas de debilidad para pelear con ángel hasta que recibió la bendición.
   - Josué saco fuerza de debilidad para dirigir al pueblo de Israel derrotando enemigos y conquistando la tierra prometida.
   - David saco fuerza de debilidad para derrotar a Goliat y traer gloria a Dios e inspiración a la nación de Israel.
   - Nehemías saco fuerzas de debilidad para reconstruir los muros de Jerusalén a pesar de la oposición del enemigo.

De la misma manera como vemos en estos ejemplos, podemos volver nuestra debilidad en fortaleza, enfrentando, haciendo y llevando a cabo cualquier cosa que Dios nos pida hacer, pero es por fe. Billy Graham dijo en una ocasión que cuando él va a predicar a cruzadas en la ciudad de Kansas y la ciudad de los Ángeles California, para llenar esos estadios, dice él, será algo más allá de mi propia capacidad y entonces pide oración para que Dios le de fortaleza. En su debilidad, sacará la fuerza.

Como podemos sacar fortaleza de nuestra debilidad, es solo por fe. Visión, pasión, perseverancia y compromiso nos ayudan a desarrollar nuestro ministerio hasta lo último, pero sin fe no podremos obtener la fortaleza que necesitamos en nuestra debilidad. Fortaleza es necesaria para continuar con la visión, guardar la pasión, perseguir la meta y mantener el compromiso.

Nuestros recursos, talentos y habilidades trabajarán apropiadamente y Dios los usa en ciertas situaciones de la vida y el ministerio, pero es solo por fe que podemos seguir hasta lo último y mantenernos haciendo lo que Dios nos llamó a hacer, sin importar las situaciones que sean.

Terminemos diciéndolo de nuevo: "Sacaron fuerza de debilidad". En la debilidad algo de valor podemos ver, LA HABILIDAD DE DIOS. También necesitamos ser humildes para reconocer que Dios es el que pone el poder en nosotros. Es Dios quien opera por medio de nosotros. 2 Corintios 4:7 dice: Pero tenemos este tesoro en vasos de barro, para que la excelencia del

poder sea de Dios, y no de nosotros." Esto significa que nuestros recursos, armas y estrategias vienen de Dios y no de nosotros, si por fe escogemos depender de El. Sabiduría, poder y gracia se mostrarán en nuestra vida si por fe decidimos creer en Dios y en Su palabra.

Fe puede ayudarnos a obtener una ganancia de una pérdida, una victoria de una derrota, victoria y conquista de nuestros temores en medio de los ataques del enemigo. Cuando Sansón necesitó fuerza cada vez que hizo algo extraordinario, fue cuando el Espíritu Santo vino sobre él, convirtiendo su debilidad en capacidad y fortaleza. El Espíritu Santo ahora vive en nosotros, podemos continuamente tomar de Su poder y fuerza cuando estemos en debilidad y hacer cosas poderosas por medio él.

Turning Weakness Into Strength

Hebrews 11:34 says, "...whose weakness was turned to strength." What does this mean? This means faith. Faith was what made it possible for the people of whom the writer speaks in this chapter; they took strength out of weakness.

As a people of God, we need these elements in our Christian life: holiness, wisdom, love, the power of God, humility, and faith. However, faith is the one that moves us to believe in God, His power, and His promises, and it is by faith that we can turn the moments of great weakness into strength.

The strength of God is one of the things every one of us needs in our Christian life. Many times when we request prayer for ourselves, we request that God give us strength, which means the capacity or ability to live in victory. We know that we are weak, but by faith in our God we can receive grace to convert weakness into strength. We are fighting a battle against the enemy for ourselves and for the people to whom we minister, but it is not in our strength, but in the strength of the Lord. Joel 3:10 says, "...Let the weak say, I am strong."

Also I Corinthians 1:25 says, "...The weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." This verse is not talking about weakness of God; He is not weak; this is talking about what God uses to make His work. It is stronger than the strength of men; out of this we can say in the weakness of your life, in God by faith, you will become strong.

Look what the Apostle Paul says about strength in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." When the power of Christ is made real in us, that is when we, by faith, depend on Him. It is faith that touches His grace, and His grace is enough for us.

Isaiah 40:29, 31 says, "He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.... But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Let see what these verses of the Scriptures say to us:

a. We can take strength out of weakness for the vision and capacity that have been given us to see and believe in the power of God.
b. Our dependence on the Lord will convert the moments of almost giving up into moments of great strength and victory.
c. The grace of the Lord is enough to sustain us, even when we don't see anything clearly in the distance.
d. There is joy in our troubles. The joy of our problems should be what inspires us to look with our faith in God in those moments of great weakness and limitations. We can wait for His manifestation of being able. In chapter 11 of Hebrews we can see that in the following people:
   - Noah turns weakness into strength in order to believe in God and obey in the construction of the ark, even when the whole world opposed him.
   - Abraham in a moment of great weakness took strength to obey God, offering his son to be sacrificed on the mount.
   - Joseph took strength out of his weakness to conquer the temptation that was presented by Potiphar's wife.
   - Moses took strength out of his weakness to believe in a miracle in which the sea opened up to save the children of Israel from the Egyptians.
   - Jacob turned his weakness into strength in order to fight with the angel until he received his blessing.
   - Joshua took strength out of his weakness to lead the people of Israel, defeating the enemies and conquering the Promised Land.
   - David took strength out of his weakness to defeat Goliath and bring glory to God and inspiration to the people of Israel.
   - Nehemiah took strength out of his weakness to reconstruct the walls and the city of Jerusalem in spite of the opposition of the enemy.

The same way as we see all these examples, we can turn our weakness into strength, facing, doing, or carrying out anything God tells us to do, but it is by faith. Billy Graham once said when he would go to preach in crusades in Kansas City and Los Angeles, California, to fill those stadiums was something beyond his capacity, and he requested us to pray so that God would give him strength. I would like to say that it is out of his weakness that strength will come.

How we could take strength out of our weaknesses is only by faith. Vision, passion, perseverance, and commitment can help us to develop our ministry to the last, but without faith we won't obtain the strength we need in our weakness. Strength is necessary in order to continue with vision, maintain the passion, pursue the goal, and keep the commitment. Our resources, talents, and abilities will work appropriately, and God uses them in certain situations in life and ministry, but it is only by faith that we will remain until the end, doing what God calls us do, no matter what situations arise.

Let me finishing by saying this: "Whose weakness was turned to strength."

From weakness we can see something valuable: IT IS THE ABILITY OF GOD. We also need humility in order to recognize it is God who put His power in our lives. It is God who operates through us. 2 Corinthians 4:7 says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." It means that our resources, weapons, and strategies come from God and not from us, if we chose by faith to depend on Him. Wisdom, power, and grace will show through our life if we, by faith, decide to believe in God and His Word.

Faith can help us to take a gain from a loss, a victory from a defeat, and a victory from the enemy's attack, and to overcome our fears with boldness. When Samson needed the strength every time to do something extraordinary, the Holy Spirit came upon him, converting weakness into ability and strength. The Holy Spirit now lives in us; we can continuously receive His power and strength when we are weak, and do a mighty thing.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Mrs. Sarah Parsons

Went to heaven on March 6, 2008

MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH

May is Retired Ministers Month in the North Carolina Conference! This designation was made for our conference about 6 years ago. In each of these years we have seen more and more churches adopt the idea and reach out to our retired ministers and their spouse.

In recent time we have had 3 of our retired ministers go to heaven...**J. Doner Lee, J. Harold Lewis** and **Elton E. Lancaster.** I was there when two of these servants of God were honored by local churches who reached out to them to express appreciation for their faithfulness in God's service. They were thanked, loved on and presented gifts. In every situation they were so overcome with appreciation they could hardly respond with words. The gifts, kind words and applause - though appreciated they were - fade in comparison to the fact *that they had been remembered and thanked* for their lifetime of service in the Kingdom of God!

However, this is what this program is all about! I have learned that deep down in everyone's heart is a need to feel appreciated. When you are seldom or never told that your ministry is appreciated, it is easy to become discouraged and/or depressed.

As of this date, we have 105 retired ministers and missionaries - plus their spouses - and about 33 spouses of deceased retired ministers in our conference. They are some of the best people in the world. Some of them worship with you in your church, while some find it difficult to go to church because of physical problems and some are in nursing homes or confined to their own home. Can you imagine how much joy and happiness you could bring into their lives with a visit and a fresh baked cake?

This past February in the ***EVANGEL*** 1 featured one of our retired couples, **Rev. W. M. and Sarah Parson.** You may remember that I concluded my article by saying ***"they are doing fine"***. Little did I know that Sarah would go to be with the Lord on March 6. Jean and I attended her funeral in Bridgeton, NC at the Bridgeton PH Church. She was a beautiful lady and great ministers wife. This dear women literally ***"mixed the mortar and carried the blocks"*** for her husband to lay when building their church. And you know what? She wasn't paid a dime. She just wanted to see the church built!

People like that - and there are many of them - are truly deserving. All they really want is to be appreciated. Let's show it to them during the month of May and at other times too. -wtc

Plan Now To Attend!

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT

Rev. Doyle Marley
Featured Speaker

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Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Joe and Elsie Arthur

On December 31, 2002, Joe and Elsie Arthur stepped down from their position as Overseas Ministry Coordinator (OMC) for Africa to enter retirement. Joe says, "Some call it retirement, we called it a change of assignment."

Joe was born in Washington, DC on May 19, 1938 - not far from where Elsie was born in Baltimore. In 1957 he attended a Spring Festival for youth in the Washington/Baltimore District. It was there that he met Elsie, love bloomed and later that year they were married on December 14th. Both of them had accepted the Lord at an early age. Joe was saved at age 7, sanctified and baptized at age 12 and called to be a missionary when he was 16. After his high school graduation he attended Bob Jones University and American University. While at AM he did a 6 year printing apprenticeship, pastored 2 churches and worked at the Nation's Capital for several years before going to the Mission Field. Elsie was a teenage girl of 16 when saved. After their marriage they both responded to their mission call to Africa.

They arrived in South Africa on September 16, 1964. Joe's goal was to fulfill the role of a Printer/Missionary, which he saw as a great way to reach the world for Christ. During their first term they set up a printing press and bookstore in Krugersdorp and served as overseers of the Pretoria District. After awhile they accepted pastorates in Pretoria and was appointed Conference Superintendent in the White and Colored Conferences in South Africa.

They were asked to be the first missionaries to Kenya (East Africa) from the PH Church. While there they served as Field Superintendent and works were opened in Tanzania and Uganda. Elsie worked untiringly by Joe's side as they opened these new fields and trained many workers who had no formal Bible school training.

After 2 terms in East Africa they return to South Africa in 1988. Joe and Elsie were use greatly by the Lord by making appropriate changes in their conference structure. Those changes prepared our people and churches for the political changes that were forthcoming.

In 1992 Rev. Arthur was asked to serve as OMC. The next 10 plus years were some of their most fruitful. When the Arthurs went to the mission field in 1964, the church had ministry works in 6 countries of Africa and membership was some 36,000. When they retired in December, 2002, the membership had risen to over 766,000 and they had works in 33 of 53 independent countries of Africa. What a record of accomplishments!!

Since their official retirement in December, 2002, they have made numerous trips to Africa and other countries and have plans for many more in the future. The Cornerstone (WNC) Conference took full advantage of this "retired" couple and asked Joe to serve as their conference missions director. It was a great move on the part of this conference for every phase of their missions work has increase tremendously including a record Global offering for 2007!!

The Arthurs make their home in the Garner, NC. They have 4 children: Joseph, Jr., (Johannesburg, SA), and Kevin, David and Charmaine who live in the Raleigh, NC area. They also have 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grand child.

Joe and Elsie have truly been used of the Lord and have given Him a lifetime of service in witnessing and winning the lost to our wonderful Saviour. **And, they're not through yet!!**

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

On February 20-26, I had the privilege to travel with Pastor Vernon Potter, Jr., and Conference Hispanic Supervisor Dr. Luis Avila to San Jose, Costa Rica, where we ministered at the "Ministry Challenge" Conference at the Central Missionary PH Church, Pastor Jorge Fernandez. It was indeed a great experience, one, hopefully, we can participate in again. The Central Missionary Church hosted this annual event that brought in many local pastors and leaders along with conference leadership. The night services were well attended; between 950 and 1000 were present nightly. The attendance during the day sessions was 450-550. The worship services were held under a huge tent on the property of Central Missionary Church. They are in the process of building a 2,000-seat facility on the property, at a cost of $2 million.

There were four services daily. As each day progressed, I was struck by many things, but two observations stand out: powerful worship and music and an extreme hunger for the Word. Pastor Fernandez's church is quite a unique church, unique in that it portrays the true New Testament model of ministry. Central Missionary Church is truly changing its community and affecting San Jose, a city of 1.5 million. The church is eight years old; however, it displays an amazing maturity and level of discipleship. When you entered the sanctuary, you were immediately met by greeters and ushers with smiling faces and open arms to welcome you into the House of God. The services started at 8:00 a.m. with 1-1½ hours of worship music and prayer time. I know that it's not necessarily the length of service, yet there was no sense of hurry; there was an awesome "presence" of God and the desire to linger in His presence. There was a huge gathering/altar area, and when the music started, several hundred young people would mob the altar. There was no pleading for the people to join in worship; it was an automatic response. The youth were totally involved in worship and in the carrying out of the service. This church is indeed a youth-oriented church, and they are fully participatory.

Costa Rica is one of our oldest conferences in Central and South America. John and Edna Parker spent 23 years ministering as missionaries to this country and truly laid a great foundation. The conference is indigenous with its own Conference Board (Supt. Jose Salas) and Missions Department. I observed four complete worship teams leading in praise and worship, all doing a superb job. Pastor Fernandez has done a great job in leading his congregation and training and equipping them for ministry.

From the opening on Thursday evening there was a powerful anointing, and this was the theme throughout the singing, preaching, and teaching for the whole conference. I opened the conference on Thursday, reading from 1 Samuel 1:1,12,13; "Anointing for Service and Ministry." In the anointing God identifies, empowers, and emphasizes our dependence on Him and instructs us not to operate without the anointing. There was a powerful altar time with many experiences of praying through and connecting with the Holy Spirit. We kept discussing in many conversations throughout the conference how God is indeed "up to something" in Costa Rica and how there is a sense of hunger and thirst after Him in the churches. I was and am excited at what I saw and experienced in Costa Rica and what I will be hearing as revival sweeps Costa Rica!

I am looking forward to a "first" for the North Carolina Conference in July. We have put together a trip to Honduras with 13 pastors. We have invited all the Honduran pastors to come together in Tegucigalpa, the capital city. We will build relationships, preach in their churches, and have four days of pastoral training. It will be a first-time experience for most of the 13 pastors, and I trust it will set us all on fire for the harvest.

Missions this year has already started off to be another record-setting year. I am truly excited about all aspects of World Missions involvement; I challenge all of our pastors with this thought: WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR MISSIONS IN 2008; HOW HIGH WILL YOU SET THE BAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT? ALL THAT WE DO IN PRAYER, SUPPORT, AND GIVING IS SIMPLY INVESTING IN ETERNITY – THE ETERNAL DESTINY OF SOULS BOTH IN AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PASSION AND VISION!

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A Personal Note From the New Director

by Jon Oliver, Director of NC Church Education Ministries

Let me take a moment to introduce my family and myself to the NC Conference. My name is Jon Oliver. I was born and raised in Attalla, Alabama, 60 miles north of Birmingham. I graduated from Emmanuel College in 1995, where I met my beautiful wife. I have been happily married to Nicole Harless Oliver of Stedman, North Carolina, for over 12 years. After graduation, I soon accepted the youth pastor position at Clinton Pentecostal Holiness Church in Clinton, NC. I had the opportunity to serve there under Rev. David Wheeler. Our first son, Coley, was born in November 1997.

At the conclusion of 1997, I went to work for Mr. George Wilson at WCLN Radio during a transition period in my life. I worked there for a little over a year. During that time, a door of opportunity was opened at Saint Paul Church in Greenville, NC. Some of you may remember the passing of our daughter in April 2001. Saint Paul Church and all of our friends in the NC Conference embraced us during that difficult time. A year later, our second son, Cade, was born. For the past nine years, I have enjoyed serving Pastor Allen Mayo and Saint Paul Church. They both have been extremely good to my family, and for that, I will forever be grateful.

During my tenure at Saint Paul, I have served as the NC Conference youth pastor and been actively involved in the NC CEM. When I accepted the position of NC CEM director, I was a member of the CEM board. This past year, my wife and I enjoyed our time with the Primetimers in New York City. We look forward to a great Primetimers' trip to Branson, Missouri, this November!

I have been a close friend of Charles and Laura Boyd for some time. I think the world of the Boyds. Charles did a phenomenal job as our conference CEM director. Nicole and I wish them the very best as they follow the Lord's leading in their new endeavor.

I am humbled by this opportunity God has given me to serve in this capacity. Nicole and I feel this is God's will for our lives. We look forward to serving this conference and each of you. Colossians 3:17 says, "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Our desire is to strive for excellence in every aspect of ministry. My mama taught me that if something is worth doing, it's worth doing well. I want to do all that I do well.

Jon and Nicole Oliver on 2007 Primetimers' trip

Important Dates to Remember!

CONFERENCE TALENT FINALS: DRAMA

April 5, 2008

Juniors @ 9:00 a.m. in J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle

Teens @ 11:00 a.m. in J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle

- Come early for registration and sound checks!

CONFERENCE TALENT FINALS: MUSIC

April 19, 2008

Juniors @ 9:00 a.m. in J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle

Teens @ 11:00 a.m. in J. A. Culbreth Tabernacle

- Come early for registration and sound checks!

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Our Poster Retired Ministers For 2008

Rev. Marvin and Joyce Whitfield

It is with pleasure that we present to our conference our **Poster Retired Ministers for the Year 2008, Rev. Marvin and Joyce Whitfield.** Marvin and Joyce have given over 47 years of their lives in full time active service to our church, conference and the Lord's Kingdom.

Marvin Whitfield was born in Mount Olive, North Carolina. He was the fourth of eight children born to Albert and Ella Mae Whitfield. His father was a farmer and his mother was a seamstress. He worked with his father and siblings on the farm and attended Mount Olive School. After school, he worked at D. T. McPhail's Department Store in Mount Olive. In 1947, he met his soul mate and life companion, Joyce Marie Whitman. They were married on January 21, 1949.

Marvin's life was greatly influenced by his parents dedication to God and years of service at the Thunder Swamp Pentecostal Holiness Church. **It was at Thunder Swamp that both he and Joyce were saved in 1950.** God began to reveal his plan for their lives when Marvin was called into the ministry. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1954 and was ordained in 1956. They relocated to Greenville, South Carolina so Marvin could attend Holmes Bible College, where he graduated in 1957.

Their pastoral ministry began in August, 1957 at the **Robinsonville PH Church**, where they served three years. The couple then moved to the **Kenly PH Church** in August, 1960 and served there until 1964. While serving in Kenly, in addition to her responsibilities as a pastor's wife and mother of two young children, Joyce obtained her B.S. degree in Elementary Education to fulfill her life long dream of teaching.

They moved to Clinton in, 1964 to begin their ministry at the **Clinton PH Church**, where they served for eight years. There, Joyce accepted her first teaching position with Clinton City Schools. They were assigned the pastorate at **The Capital Church** in Raleigh in August, 1972 and Joyce resumed teaching with the Wake County Schools. In 1977, she accepted an education consultant position with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

In 1988, the couple returned to Clinton to pastor the **Clinton PH Church** for the second time and Joyce returned to the classroom as a teacher with the Sampson County Schools.

1988, they were assigned the **Person Street PH Church** (now **Baywood**) in Fayetteville, North Carolina. It was there that the Lord placed a heavy burden on their hearts to minister to the needs of young women in crisis pregnancies. They wanted to be able to offer these women a true alternative to abortion and share God's love for them. After many months of prayerfully seeking God's will, Marvin approached the superintendent of Falcon Children's Home,

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

They Were Called Christians!

Recently Charles Powell at LifeSprings in Franklin Springs, Georgia, suggested a book to me. He stated it would anger me. It has!

The book is *UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity*. It is a book by David Kinnaman, president of the Barna Research Group. It primarily focuses on research of the thinking of the 16- to 29-year-olds of America.

"When asked to identify their activities over the last thirty days, born-again believers were just as likely to bet or gamble, to visit a pornographic website, to take something that did not belong to them, to consult a medium or psychic, to physically fight or abuse someone, to have consumed enough alcohol to be considered legally drunk, to have used an illegal, nonprescription drug, to have said something to someone that was not true, to have gotten back at someone for something he or she did, and to have said mean things behind another person's back.

"No difference.

"One study we conducted examined Americans' engagement in some type of sexually inappropriate behavior including looking at online pornography, viewing sexually explicit magazines or movies, or having an intimate sexual encounter outside of marriage. In all, we found that 30 percent of born-again Christians admitted to at least one of these activities in the past thirty days, compared with 35 percent of other Americans." (p. 47)

God help us!

In Acts 11:26 the Bible states, "They were called Christians first in Antioch." I have long loved this verse of scripture presenting the origin of the word *Christian*. Here was a community of believers who so lived out the Christian life that they were called Christians, which means "little Christ" or "followers of Christ." The primary interpretation of the term is that it was a term of observation, not necessarily derision or ridicule. Here were people living a life that reflected the person of Jesus.

There are several practical points that should be made about this church in Antioch. Perhaps these points are relevant to us today especially if we are to carry the true testimony of Christians.

1. They were called Christians after Paul had been there a year. He was a teacher and theologian. The church was centered in the Word.
2. The church was a multicultural church. She was a church who reached her community.
3. The church was a church that prayed, fasted, and sought the Lord.
4. The church was a church that heard and listened to the Holy Spirit.
5. The church was a church that sent forth missionaries.

The American culture is now far from being Christian. If we are to regain the description, there is much work to be done. We are in a critical situation. If any Christian group is to lead the way, it should be a Holiness group that is also energized by the Holy Spirit (Pentecostal). That is us!

Consider the following quotes:

"Thirty years from now, Christians won't be known for what they say or what they hope to be; they will be known for one thing – the way they live. We can't change what we are known for unless we change how we live."

—Gary Haugen, Founder, International Justice Mission

"I would hope people would look at us and say, those Christians are the ones who run in when everyone else is running out. Those Christians are the ones who didn't give up on the crumbling inner cities. — Those Christians are the ones who put an end to human trafficking. — Those Christians are the ones who write those incredible lyrics, pen those unforgettable books, and create artwork that's mesmerizing. Those Christians are the ones who helped my mother when she got Alzheimer's. Those Christians are the ones that made me want to believe in God."

—Margaret Feinburg, Author and Speaker

"What should the perceptions of Christians be in thirty years? That there is something supernatural about our lives, that there is something about us that cannot be explained in anything other than a miraculous way, that there seems to be something about us – something that we have – that the world does not have and seemingly cannot offer."

—Jim White, Author

"Thirty years from now, regardless of changes in technology, communication, and culture, people will still have the same basic needs. — Thirty years from now the solution will still be the same: Jesus Christ.

"Since the church is the body of Christ on earth today, then thirty years from now it still will need to be doing what Jesus did while here in his physical body two thousand years ago. While the church's methods must constantly change in a changing world, the church's mandate will never change: we are called to know and love God (worship), love each other (fellowship), grow in Christlikeness (discipleship), serve God by serving others (ministry), and share the good news (evangelism).

"For some time now, the hands and feet of the body of Christ have been amputated, and we've been pretty much reduced to a big mouth. We talk far more than we do. It's time to reattach the limbs and let the church be the church in the twenty-first century."

—Dr. Rick Warren, Pastor/Author

It is food for thought! Lord, help us to be Christians!

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Mrs. Sarah Popperwill Parson

May 26, 1929 – March 6, 2008

On March 9, 2008, at the Bridgeton Pentecostal Holiness Church, I assisted Pastor Kenneth Dixon in preaching the home-going celebration of Mrs. Sarah Parson, wife of the preacher Reverend H. Medford Parson. It was a glorious service. She was a very special lady. Interment was in the Greenleaf Memorial Park.

Sister Parson was born in Lowland, North Carolina. She met and married the love of her life – H.M. Parson. Together they served the Lord in pastoring 38 years and evangelizing another 3 years. They pastored the following churches: Oriental, Bridgeton, Calvary, Spring Creek, Trinity, Sneads Ferry, Goose Creek, New Hope, and Friendship. They were superannuated in 1989.

Sarah Parson was a woman of influence. As her Bible namesake, she had many spiritual children. She also had four natural children: Hallot M. Parson, Jr., Christine P. Weatherington, Peggy P. Robbins, and Alfreda P. Parson. She had 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Betty and I loved and appreciated Sister Parson. She was always loving and supportive to us. She had proven to be a great pastor's wife. She was supportive of her husband and loved by all. Her husband and children rose up to call her blessed. She will be missed.

—Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Reverend Royce A. Beacham

May 29, 1926 – March 11, 2008

Reverend Royce Beacham slipped home to heaven on March 11, 2008, from a nursing facility in Williamston, North Carolina. He had been sick for several years with Alzheimer's. He had been a faithful minister and warrior for the faith.

Brother Beacham was converted to Christ on October 3, 1947, in the Emmanuel Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. In 1953, he received his minister's license with the North Carolina Conference. He was ordained in 1955. Brother Beacham attended N.C. State for two years and graduated from Holmes Bible College with a bachelor of theology degree.

Reverend Beacham pastored the following churches in the North Carolina Conference: Micro – 1 year, Caraleigh – 4 years (total over 2 pastorates), Fuquay Varina (now Evangel Community) – 4 years, Pikes Cross Roads – 4 years, and Clayton (now Hope Church) – 4 years.

In addition to his church work in the conference, he served as a chaplain in the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. In 1984 he was chaplain of the year. Through the years he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Royce Beacham was blessed with two lovely ladies in his life. His first wife, Wila Dean, served faithfully with him in pastoring. She went to heaven early. His second wife, Sarah, served with him in his retirement years. She also slipped over to heaven before his departure. Brother Beacham has one son, Tim, who resides in the Charlotte area.

Reverend Beacham's celebration service was conducted on March 14, 2008, military style, at the Mitchell Funeral Home in Raleigh.

I knew Brother Royce Beacham for nearly 28 years. When Betty and I pastored in Cary, he attended our church. He was a great help. I preached both his wives' funerals. I assisted the marriage ceremony for his second wife, Sarah. He was my friend and supporter.

He served his church and country well. May his memory warm our hearts and cause each of us to do our part in winning the lost and making a difference in our communities.

—Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Nora Tripp Fulcher

April 25, 1914 – February 22, 2008

Nora Tripp Fulcher, wife of the late Reverend Davis F. Fulcher of Ernul, North Carolina, went to heaven to be with her Lord on February 22, 2008.

As she was about to enter into eternity, she was in the arms of her loving granddaughter, Susan Pitts. Her son-in-law, Samuel Boyd; her pastor, Reverend Kenneth Dixon; and his wife, Gloria, were in her room also. They were witnesses of her home-going. What a wonderful thing to be present when a saint of God enters into her eternal home.

Nora gave her heart and life to Jesus Christ and accepted Him as her Personal Savior at the age of 14 (May 1927). She was a faithful servant of Christ for 80 years, until her life on this earth ended. She joined the Holly Hill Pentecostal Holiness Church as a teenager. In August 1933 she married the Reverend Davis F. Fulcher. She and Brother Dave were faithful in the ministry of the Lord for 45 years. She worked beside her husband in the organization and building of the Vanceboro PH Church, where she was a charter member until she was in her 80s. She transferred her membership to the Bridgeton PH Church in 1973.

Nora was a worker in the church. She taught Sunday school and worked hard for the Woman's Auxiliary (as it was then).

She had two nephews who are ministers in the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Reverend Ashley Smith and the late Reverend Terry Tripp. She loved the Holiness way and was proud of these fine men.

A celebration of her life was held on February 24, 2008, at Cotton Funeral Home in New Bern, North Carolina. Reverend Kenneth Dixon and Neil Autry officiated.

Nora had suffered a long, courageous battle with Alzheimer's. It was very hard for her family to understand why she had to suffer and reside in a nursing home. They finally understood. God was still using her to witness for Him. On many occasions the nurses would tell her daughter, Jeanette, what had happened the day or maybe the night before. One nurse told Jeanette when she came into Nora's room, she said, "Honey, I think we need to pray." She said they held hands, and Nora prayed a beautiful prayer. Jeanette asked the nurse if she needed prayer. Her answer was, "Yes, I really do."

She leaves behind a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Sam Boyd, 4 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild, 12 great-great-grandchildren, 2 step-great-great-grandchildren, and 2 sisters. We will miss her greatly, but we know if we are faithful as she was, we will meet her on that beautiful shore one day. Our loss is heaven's gain.

— Jeanette Boyd

Sister Fulcher was a very special lady. I never got to know her very well. She has been so sick for the last few years. Alzheimer's is a terrible disease.

May her faithfulness and Christian testimony bless each of us to continue to live for Him, and may the Lord bless all those special people who care for Alzheimer's patients.

—Superintendent D. Chris Thompson

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

May/June 2008

Rev. Tim Creel	May 3
Rev. Ralph Leggett	May 17
Rev. Lee Toler	May 19
Rev. R. N. Hood	May 19
Rev. Mrs. Elsie Arthur	May 19
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28
Rev. Horace Warwick	June 1
Rev. L. B. Collins	June 4
Rev. John Parker	June 5
Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett	June 18
Rev. Ted Johnson	June 25
Rev. David Butts	June 27
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield	June 29
Rev. Sidney Webb	June 30

Book Reviews

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Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Enthroned on Our Praise: An Old Testament Theology of Worship

by Timothy M. Pierce. Nashville: B and H Publishing Group. 317 pages.

Just as there is more in the Bible than chapter and verse, there is also more in the church than eloquence and economics. There is more to God than power and presence. There is so much more to praise than what we know. Whoever offers praise glorifies God, who inhabits praise. Such a noble spiritual exercise as praising the Lord requires greater comprehension, for one must understand what he is doing, and why he is doing it if it is to honor and glorify God.

While it is sad that "worship wars" fail to abate, we are able to conclude one vital truth: for worship to be acceptable to God, it must without reservation or recourse conform to His principles and standards. The Spirit of God dwells in true believers and never influences their minds and hearts in fraudulent spiritual affections. While it is possible for worship to cease to be about God and become a rebellious activity, and while it is possible for people to "worship worship," uncompromising worship always glorifies and honors the true and living God.

This book presents a theological survey of Old Testament worship by examining praise in each of the canonical divisions and focuses on relationships, foundations, patterns, attitudes, and expressions of worship. Key emphases include the relationship between biblical worship and right living, the character of the worshiper, and the nature of the worshiping community. Timothy M. Pierce, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, does an excellent job of bringing the Old Testament to life for today's church.

All students of the Scriptures know that individuals and groups throughout the various periods of Israel's history often corrupted worship by violating the first and second commandments established by the incomparable Yahweh. In Isaiah, God urged His people to stop bringing useless offerings. He had had enough of burnt offerings and rams. Neither could man-made things that rival God be instruments of worship before Him. Religious Cain offering the wrong sacrifice, Aaron molding the golden calf, devious Jeroboam creating the golden calves conveniently located at Dan and Bethel, Israel serving the Asherahs, Gideon making the ephod, and Micah making idols for Dan are just a few examples of worship gone bad. Pierce states, "Idolatry is sometimes understood as the sin of setting out to replace God with an alien god, when in fact it seems that the starting place for physical idolatry is sometimes not the replacement of God but the need to see Him for ourselves." God made in our own imagination is no God at all.

Principles of praise guide worshipers in worship. For example, service and separation (duty and distinction) stand out in Israel's righteous worship. The two patterns fit the true worshiper, who is a holy person, set apart by God for the purpose of serving Him and others. The actions of service actually improve the worship in sacred time. As Pierce states, "A life of righteous commitment nourishes episodes of humble adoration." Out of service to others come gratefulness and thanksgiving to God for life and the joy of helping. Faithful service acknowledges God's dominion and right over the servant. Without this attitude of surrender and servitude, worship risks being reduced to amusement and a self-serving exercise.

The author explains, "Worship by definition is the commitment to God's principles and precepts and a recognition that we give what He seeks—not what we desire when we worship—without compromise and without reservation." Self-serving celebrative worship defeats the very purpose of worship. It fails to give what God seeks: true worshipers who worship Him in spirit and in truth. No one should profit at the expense of faith. It is the motive of the heart that makes worship great with God. The smallest deed is great if done for the Lord, but the greatest act is small if done for self. Shameful worship seeks great things for self rather than giving the Lord what He seeks. Since all things are naked and open before the Lord, many that were first shall be last, and the last first, all because of the condition of the heart.

Could it be said that modern worship needs to be purified? If worship is indeed compromised or corrupt in some circles, then the principle of an ever-increasing desire with an ever-diminishing return is in operation. It takes more and more to bring satisfaction, which leads to excess and more corruption. Such is the nature of sin. This could explain the empty feeling so many feel in some of the worship environments of today. True biblical worship, on the other hand, glorifies God. When His people glorify him, He blesses them immeasurably. He brings the glory of the rainbow out of a million indistinguishable drops, and He can bring the glory of a consecrated worshiper out of the many acts of worship that form our life. Through cloud and sunshine the Lord abides with His worshipers. Those who praise Him out of a pure heart find that when other helpers fail and comforts flee, the Lord is there. He's always there. He never leaves, nor does He want to leave His children who love and adore Him because of His wonderful Person. If by chance God could be other than what He is, we should be afraid, but the glory of the living Lord is this: that He is unchangeable. The world may change, but God will never change. The God who never changes remains our constant and our compass. He is our true North, guiding pilgrims who praise Him out of an obedient heart. Even when death comes, it will be all right. He will be with us; He will not forsake His own. Praise is comely, especially on the dying lips of men and women of God who see earth's vain shadows flee and heaven's morning break.

If I know my heart, I want to praise the Lord better. It is my desire to know God more deeply, to know myself more sincerely, and to present myself to God in an acceptable way that is pleasing to Him. Worship is not good simply because it is beneficial; it is good because it is the right thing to do. We must ask ourselves, "What is God seeking in worship?" It is this question all of us must answer. It is the answer, all of us must obey and fulfill in the multitude of the acts of worship as long as we have breath. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

The Power of Speaking God's Word: How to Preach Memorable Sermons

by Wilbur Ellsworth. Ross-shire, Great Britain: Christian Focus Publications. 144 pages.

It is a joy to recommend this fine book on preaching because it is a well-focused book on the value of oral sermons. Preaching without notes continues to be one of the great challenges of ministers of the gospel. For many years, my chief concern is that relying on oral freedom can encourage inadequate work in the text. Sermons with all heat and no light make little sense to me. For this reason, most preachers have been taught to craft written material carefully to be carried into the pulpit. Ellsworth explains why ministers should use orality in preaching and how to do it.

The author advocates that a written sermon is a contradiction in terms because by definition the sermon is a spoken event. The great purpose of the oral craft "is to create a sermon inside the preacher in all of its fullness so that, when the moment to preach comes, the text of scripture in all its meaning and significance pours forth from the preacher." Dr. Ellsworth shows how to preach orally with little or no cues.

The root of the sermon is a thrust with the sword of the Spirit. The history of preaching reveals that some of the more effective ministers were men who preached with little or no written support. Based on solid historical evidence, Ellsworth goes to the heart of communication dynamics and explains the great value of what he calls "orality." It is the preferred method of preaching. Effective preaching is indeed like a thrust to the mind and heart of the listeners.

This book will be read many times, thoughtfully and prayerfully. Old habits are difficult to break, but Ellsworth certainly makes the reader to sit up, listen, and take note of what great men have accomplished in the past and in the present, and challenges all ministers to become more effective in their communication. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Peter therefore was kept in prison, but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

(Acts 12:5)

"In the Twinkling of an Eye" was the theme for the 2008 NCWM Retreat held in Falcon this year. More than 450 women gathered in J. A. Culbreth Memorial Auditorium for this annual event. What an exciting and electrifying event it was! Our guest speaker, Beth Stephens, allowed the Lord to use her to bring His Word and to bless us. God was in our midst!

If you were in the meetings, you know that on Friday evening, Beth focused on the scripture Mark 5:27, "When she heard about Jesus..." The key word was *heard*; it began with hearing; hope happened in her heart. Then on Saturday morning, she spoke from Acts 12:5, "Prayer was made without ceasing"; the church was in constant prayer.

The prayer requests that were received during the Retreat opened my eyes to the many needs we have across the NC Conference: families that need salvation, financial needs, physical needs, marriages that are broken, churches that need God to move, freedom from drugs and alcohol, depression, more joy, closer walk with the Lord, the list goes on and on. . . . We need to be in constant prayer on behalf of these many requests.

Thursday, May 1, is National Day of Prayer. Prayer changes people, things, and situations. Our prayer team will be praying, but may I encourage you to meet with your local WM groups and pray until. . . Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- Store candles – Roll colored candles in sheets of wax paper and twist ends to seal. They won't get nicked up or scuffed when they're placed in drawers.
- Hair scrunchies – These are perfect for keeping rolls of leftover wrapping paper from unrolling and getting wrinkled.
- Paper shredder getting dull? Fold a piece of aluminum foil to about 8½ x 11 inches and run it through the machine. Do it again, and it will be even sharper.
- Sweeter-smelling garbage – Pour a layer of kitty litter in the bottom of your kitchen trashcan to absorb those nasty food odors and soak up any leaks.

Sewing Machine Project

Zambia Women Ministries

Each "foot pedal" sewing machine costs $75, and over the next 3 years, we hope we can participate with other Conference WMs to provide at least 450 sewing machines for the 600 Women's Ministries in Zambia. Thank you so much for your gifts at the NCWM Retreat. We received approximately $2,235 toward this project. This will purchase 29 machines. To God be the glory!

Goldsboro District Rally

February 19 the ladies of the Goldsboro District gathered at Mt. Olive First for a time of fellowship, praise, and worship. The ladies from Thunder Swamp PHC, along with the ladies from Mt. Olive First, prepared homemade soup, sandwiches, and a variety of sweets. The Praise and Worship team from the church led us in a mixture of choruses and hymns, which prepared our hearts for the message. Our own first lady, Sister Betty Thompson, brought us a message on "Hidden Anointing." She spoke on how God has given us a special anointing that is there to help, encourage, and guide us through life. Sister Patsy Deese, NCWM director, led us in an altar prayer and issued a challenge to seek our "hidden anointing."

A special "thank you" to everyone; you are making a difference!

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Spreading the Word Through Song

In Mark 15:16 we find these words: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

It would be great if we all could do this. But of course we know most of us are not in a position physically to do that. We have jobs and responsibilities that keep us tied to our little part of the world. Fortunately, God calls special people we call missionaries, who are willing to go into all parts of the world with the message of Jesus Christ.

However, there are other ways we can still help spread God's Word in as many places as we possibly can.

I would like to share with the NC Conference a project that is going on at the Kinston First PH Church. Several months ago, the Lord began dealing with Errett and Tracie Marshburn, the leaders of the music ministry, about producing a new recording on CD. After much prayer and sharing with the choir what God had laid on their hearts, the recording project was launched.

Normally a project of this magnitude would cost too much money to get started. God has placed people in Tracie's and Errett's path who will help them put this together. The project is being designed to reach through and beyond our conference. There will be personal testimonies and original songs from different artists in the Kinston church and throughout our conference.

Many of you who are familiar with the world of gospel music recognize the name Jeff Gibson, formerly of Heaven Bound. He has endorsed this project and will be a part of bringing it to life. He shared Tracie and Errett's vision for spreading the gospel through song.

This will be a project that will spread beyond our conference, reaching people and changing their lives.

If you are looking for yet another way to be part of fulfilling the Great Commission, you can be a part of this wonderful outreach of music and testimony that will be spreading the gospel. You can be a part of ministering God to those who might not choose to listen to a preacher but could be reached through music.

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Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church (Morehead City District) is interviewing for the position of a full-time minister of music. For more information, please call Pastor Jonathan Griffin at (252) 729-7729 or e-mail him at pastor.jonathan.griffin@smrynaphc.org.

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Reaching Out to God Through Prayer

"A conversation with God usually makes things all right."

People are reaching out for some kind of help, encouragement, and answers. Yet they discover soon enough that none of these things can be truly found through human resources or reasoning.

"God is the source we need to make things right!" When I say, "God makes things all right," I am not saying that all is resolved and put together. For God's help, encouragement, and answers come first through the realm of the Spirit, and then will manifest themselves in the physical realm.

The Holy Spirit wants to move, reveal, and manifest Himself to us. He wants to impart this help and encouragement and these answers individually and corporately. His methods and ways are different from ours.

God moves and reveals Himself spiritually. He speaks according to His Word and purposes.

Many times we miss our help, encouragement, and answers because we function mostly in the physical or natural realm. God has the right answers, but do we agree with them? Many times God's methods are not what we would have chosen. We need to comprehend that God's ways have Kingdom and eternity in mind.

"God is always up to something" in the life of His people. He uses every circumstance and situation to teach, mature, and grow us in Him.

The Word of God declares, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8, 9).

"Prayer is an open heaven and the access to the mind of Christ."

Sometimes when praying, we are not aware of what is about to take place inside us (spirit man). It may be that we begin to pray because of a daily routine, a desperate situation, needing physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual help. In whatever need or way you and I come to God, He acknowledges it. All of a sudden, halfway through our praying, we begin to sense a release, a letting go, a standing by faith; it's going to be all right. You and I in many situations can't do anything more. We let go and let God, and He takes care of our situation as He planned and purposed.

Through prayer we now can sense peace and His presence. He now has been made real to us, and our situation is no longer the center of our life, but God has taken center stage. The realm of His Spirit has invaded our life (spiritual and physical), and His presence becomes the source that "makes things all right."

Prayer can be described as:

- "A conversation with God" that moves us to the realm of the Spirit.
- A tapping into God's plan, purpose, and mind (His will, His Word).
- Sending Holy Ghost e-mail to God, saying, "I need you; I want you."
- Using your spiritual cell phone connected to the voice of God.
- Being on a spiritual network (in heavenly places) with a computer that gives you access to information and networking in the realm of the Spirit.
- Sending letters written to God describing our love, successes, hurts, and pains.
- Living a God-centered life and letting Him take care of our situation and us.

"A conversation with God usually makes things all right."

Take a Moment and Pray!

- God needs center stage
- God wants to move on our behalf
- God wants to fulfill His Will and Kingdom plans
- Talk to God about:
  - Who He is / His Vision, His purpose
  - Yourself / successes, failures, difficulties, spiritual growth
  - Others / needs, relationships, spiritual growth
  - The church / ministry, direction, successes, failures
  - The U.S.A. /government, elections, finances, war, peace
  - Global Move / missionaries, direction to take, strategic plans
  - All strongholds to be revealed
  - Strategies to be given to us
  - All wisdom, knowledge, power, and anointing for this season

NC WIN Conference Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, 2008 at Falcon NC
Prayer – Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Speaker – Saturday Nov.1, 2008 – Rev. Terry Fowler – iWIN director from Oklahoma
Registration Fee: **$10**

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Thank You!

Many times when we go to a church for a service or activity, someone will hand us a gift or just show kindness to us in a way that makes us feel that person's love as an extension of a loving and awesome God. We thank God for each of you. God is good to us in giving us many caring and loving friends. We love you all and pray for you always. Thank you again for your faithfulness in praying for us. The prayers of those around us are what keeps us going. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindnesses. May God bless you abundantly!

Retired Ministers and Wives Month

May is Retired Ministers and Wives Month, and we need to celebrate the lives of these precious servants of God. Let us see how many of these ministers and wives we can bless in some way during the month of May. Many of these men and women are involved in the local church and are visible in the services, but there are those who are homebound or in a nursing center. In the *Minutes of the N.C. Conference* there is a section for the widows and widowers of ministers of our conference, and we need to not neglect reaching out to them!

Mini-Retreat Postponed

We had to postpone our Ministers' Wives Retreat for April 11 and 12, 2008, because we did not have many people respond. We realize it wasn't a good time of year to have something like this, so we will be looking toward having the retreat later in the year. Easter holidays and spring weather, I'm sure, had a lot to do with the low response. Please let us know your feelings about having this retreat and when you would like to see it on the schedule if we can work it out. Thanks for your input.

Saturday, August 9, 2008

Our Ministers' Wives Fellowship get-together for camp meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. Our theme for this year is "Running the Race." Our guest speaker this year will be Mrs. Bobbie Hilliard, wife of Rev. Stacy Hilliard of Breakthrough Revival Center in Greenville, N.C. Mrs. Bobbie is truly a woman of God, and I'm sure you will be blessed by her ministry. Plan now to join us for this time of fellowship and worship. Bring someone who normally doesn't get to come, such as one of our widows of ministers. We want to honor all of our faithful ministers' wives in this meeting!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Are Church Records Really Important?

One of the most heartbreaking things for a pastor to face when being assigned to a church is to realize that there are no records of the church's existence to be found within the four walls of the church. There is no record of the church's organization; no record of a date, time, or place; no listing of charter members; no listing of the pastors who have cared for the church and its people through the years; no record of finances for each year; and no record of the attendance for the weekly services.

How does this happen? Doesn't anyone care or feel the responsibility of taking care of the records? Many times I have heard horror stories of church secretaries who have striven to keep the bulletins and any other records safe in a file cabinet, and when they went on their personal vacation, someone took the liberty to clean out the file cabinet! Who has that authority? Just because one person does not like a lot of clutter doesn't mean that person should have the right to "clean up"! Whatever is found at the church is not free for all to do with as they wish.

Many of our churches today do not have one piece of paper in their possession concerning their background because of the "cleaning up" crowd! You may feel that I am a little harsh about this topic, but this happens all too often, and we need to address this problem before it gets worse. Some say ignorance is bliss, but I say that ignorance is inexcusable in the day in which we live.

Where do we begin with knowing what to keep and what to let go? I have a listing of "Permanently Valuable Records" that are found in the *IPHC Archives Manual*, records that document the origins of the church; the charter, disciplines, etc., are included in this listing. Other topics on the list include programs, policy documents, minutes, budgets, annual reports, annual audits, historical sketches, legal records, etc. I could go on with the listing, but maybe this will give you an idea of what to hold on to. If you would like to have a copy of the "Valuable Records" list, please let me know.

One of the most important things that can be done for protecting church records is to buy a locking file cabinet, preferably a fireproof file cabinet. Nothing should be taken home for storage if there is a locking file cabinet at the church in which to store these records. Please be proactive in preserving your church's records and do all you can to support the person who is concerned about your church's history. God will bless you for it because He is concerned about keeping records and states that all through the Bible. If you have any questions, please call.

Archives Training a Success!

Our annual Archives Training was a big success. Brother Jim Skinner, Archives board member and pastor of St. John Church, gave a stirring devotion using Revelation 20:12, emphasizing that God does require us to keep records as He does in the Book of Life. Mrs. Wanda Turner, manager of the Local and State History Room at the Cumberland County Library, gave a lot of good information concerning what the N.C. Library System offers to church historians and genealogists.

The second part of our training was called "Tell Me a Story," and it was a tribute to Rev. W. E. Morris and Mrs. Daisy. Several people were asked beforehand to tell us about their remembrances of Brother Morris, such as Blanche (Sasser) Pollard, Mary Belle Johnson, Sylvia Morris, Ronnie Morris, Susan Morris-Caddell, and Bishop Chris Thompson. Bishop Thompson told of Brother Morris' contribution to the N.C. Conference and to the entire Pentecostal Holiness Church. Sylvia Morris brought Mrs. Daisy to the meeting, and it was good to see her. Mrs. Daisy was also a great inspiration to those who have known her through the years.

Our Archives Training is only once a year, but we hope many of you will try to come to our next training. You will receive a lot of good information and will be encouraged in your quest for information for writing your church history.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Hombres de Proposito

Ese fue el lema del primer retiro del ministerio Hispano de hombres de nuestra Conferencia, el cual tuvimos el pasado 21 y 22 de marzo. El Señor nos bendijo con una asistencia de 130 hombres, quienes fueron bendecidos con la presencia de Dios, en un tiempo de adoración, confraternidad y preciosos temas de enseñanza que nos trajo el Rev. Bill Terry.

En este retiro tuvimos 21 iglesias, representadas por los hombres que vinieron de cada una de ellas, las cuales también recibieron el certificado del Ministerio Nacional de Hombres por establecer el Ministerio de Caballeros en la iglesia local.

No puedo dejar de mencionar la participación de la iglesia hispana Capilla de Esperanza en Clayton y sus pastores Francisco y Noemí Suero. Ellos se encargaron de la organización del evento, la recepción, preparar y servir la comida, distribuir las habitaciones y muchos otros detalles. Sin ellos no hubiéramos podido realizar este evento, el cual gracias al tremendo trabajo que hicieron, fue de gran bendición. Gracias, hermanos de Capilla de Esperanza en Clayton. Disfrute de algunas fotos que incluimos en este artículo sobre el retiro de hombres.

Ministrando a los hombres

Notamos en la Palabra de Dios que El creó al hombre para ser un líder devoto e influir en su hogar, la iglesia y la comunidad. Así como es el hombre es la familia, y como es la familia es la iglesia y como es la iglesia, así son las ciudades.

No podemos visualizar un mundo bueno a menos que la iglesia esté bien; la iglesia no puede ser buena, a menos que las familias estén bien. Las familias no pueden ser buenas a menos que los matrimonios estén bien y los matrimonios no pueden ser buenos a menos que los hombres estén bien. Si hay algo que tiene un potencial tremendo para cambiar el mundo es alcanzar los hombres

Jesús eligió a hombres para que tuvieran un liderazgo y ministraran al mundo, pero para lograr ese objetivo el Señor utilizó un método para cambiar y tocar sus vidas en forma impactante. El...

- Edificó una relación con ellos
- Caminó con ellos
- Los escuchó
- Se relacionó con ellos
- Oró por ellos y les enseñó cómo orar
- Les enseñó
- Estuvo con ellos
- Los capacitó
- Y los uso para que hicieran Su obra.

Jesús puso un fundamento sólido

- Oración
- La Palabra de Dios
- Adoración
- Relación unos con otros
- Servir,
- Testificar
- Dar

Así la iglesia debe abrir sus ojos y ministrar a los hombres en sus comunidades buscando la manera más efectiva posible. De la misma forma que Jesús hizo para cambiar sus vidas, la iglesia debe buscar oportunidades para practicar lo mismo y ayudar a los hombres de hoy a cambiar. Ahora recordemos que ministrar a los hombres no es un programa, ministrar a los hombres es:

Orar, relaciones, aprender la Palabra de Dios, apoyo de la iglesia, adoración, descubrimiento y desarrollo de dones, mentorización, un corazón para servir, apoyo pastoral, desarrollar esposos y padres devotos, edificando hombres y familias devotas y discipulado.

Recuerde, si hay algo que tiene un potencial tremendo para cambiar el mundo, es alcanzar los hombres.

Men of Purpose

This was the theme of the first Men's Hispanic Ministry retreat of our conference, which we had on March 21 and 22. The Lord blessed us with an attendance of 130 men, who were blessed by the presence of God in the time of worship, friendship, and precious teaching that Rev. Bill Terry brought to us.

In this retreat we had 21 churches represented by men who came from each of them; they also received the certificate of Men's Ministries in the local church by the national Men's Ministries of the IPHC.

I cannot leave this comment without mentioning the participation of the Chapel of Hope Hispanic Church of Clayton and their pastors, Francisco and Noemi Suero. They took charge of the entire event: the organization, reception, preparation and serving of food, assigning the rooms, and many more details. Without them we could not have had this event, and thanks to their hard work, it was a great blessing for the men. Thank you,

Chapel of Hope in Clayton. See some of the pictures of this Men's Ministries retreat.

Ministry to Men

Notice in the Word of God that He created men to be godly leaders, to have influence in their homes, the church, and the community. As the man is, the family is; and as the family is, the church is, too; and as the church is, so are the cities.

We cannot visualize a good world if the church is not doing well; the church cannot be good unless the family is doing well. The family cannot be good unless the marriages are doing well, and the marriages will not be good unless men are doing well. If there is something powerful to change the world, it is to reach men.

Jesus selected men in order to have leadership and to minister to the world, but to fulfill His goal, the Lord used a method to touch and change their lives in a very powerful way. He...

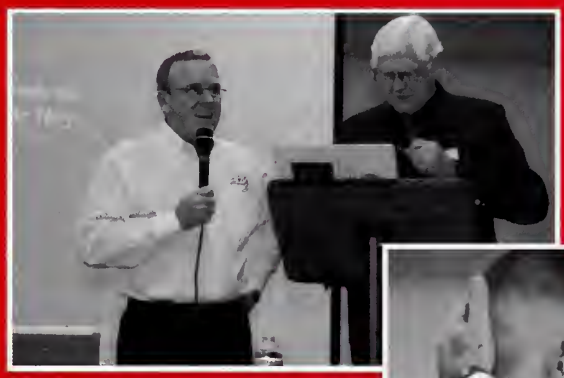
- Built a relationship with them
- Walked with them
- Listened to them
- Related with them
- Prayed for them and taught them to pray
- Taught them
- Was with them
- Trained them
- And used them to do His work

Jesus set a solid foundation for them:

- Prayer
- The Word of God
- Worship
- Service
- Fellowship
- Sharing the Gospel
- Giving

The church has to open its own eyes and minister to men in their communities, seeking the most effective ways possible to work with them. We need to know that ministry to men is not a program, the same as it is with any other group of people in the church. Ministry to men is about prayer, relationship, learning God's Word, church support, worship, discovering and using their gifts, mentoring, a heart to serve, pastoral support, developing godly husbands and fathers, building godly men and families, and discipleship.

Remember if there is something that has a great potential to change the world, it is to reach men.



Left: Bill Terry and John Parker

Right: Ministry to men

Left: Working in groups

Right: The group of men

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Royce Beacham

Went to heaven on March 10, 2008

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell

Few retired persons can keep the pace that Mrs. Margaret Horrell keeps from day to day. When her husband, Rev. B. C. Horrell, died August 5, 2000, she was left with 7 children- 4 of them were her grandchildren whom they had adopted. Having lived in church parsonages all their ministry life, Bro. Horrell's unexpected home-going meant she had to take control, find housing, and provide for all the needs of her family, almost singlehandedly. Though church and friends were helpful, the main burden fell on her shoulders.

She and Rev. Horrell pastored for 50 years, almost as long as they had been married. Margaret joined the conference in 1954 and was, in every sense of the word, her husband's assistant, working tirelessly by his side in all of their 6 pastorates.

Today, her day begins at 6 a.m. taking her children to school. She has worked a full-time job for 34 years, and in addition to that, runs her own tailor business. Six years ago she started pastoring a newly organized church that is growing and doing well. She is there every Sunday preaching and teaching God's Word. In recent time she has adopted 2 more children. Margaret said, *"The great calling of God stills burns in my soul."* She misses being involved in conference activities as she once was, but loves everybody and desires your prayers.

Rev. & Mrs. Richard Parson

Do you want your piano tuned? Richard can do it! Do you want someone to play the organ or piano? Jean can do it! However, their greatest love and chief responsibility was pastoring and winning souls to the Lord. Richard and Jean pastored 5 churches during their 36 pastoral years, pastoring their last 23 years at the St. John PH Church. When the time came for him to step aside, Richard said, *"I moved from the pulpit to the choir."* Here is a couple that never felt they were indispensable, but just wanted to be used in the Lord's vineyard. Richard and Jean have found no great difficulty in moving from the leadership role to that of following, serving and supporting. Almost every Sabbath day, they can be found filling their place, singing, playing, and worshipping in the church they led for so many years. Sickness has plagued them somewhat in recent years, but God has been good, and they are now doing well. They give praise to the Lord for all He has done through them.

Our Poster Retired Ministers For 2008

(continued from front cover)

Wiley T. Clark, who shared his burden and vision, and work was begun in laying the foundation for what was envisioned as a ***"network of ministries"*** that would provide **a genuine alternative to abortion** for young women. Thus ensued an enormous amount of planning and coordinating with the State of North Carolina, the Children's Home Board of Directors and the General Boards of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Soon thereafter, **the Alternative to Abortion Ministries, Inc. (ATAM) was launched and Marvin was named as ATAM Coordinator.** ATAM's first ministry endeavor was opening **The Royal Home** in Salemburg, NC. The Royal Home, which opened in 1992, is a fully licensed maternity home for six young women. Joyce retired from teaching and served as director of The Royal Home for twelve years. Her love and compassion for others enabled her to minister to the young women and their families.

In 1999, ATAM began it's second ministry by opening a fully licensed adoption agency, **New Life Christian Adoptions,** located in Garner, NC, followed by the opening of a **second maternity home in Greenville, NC,** in 2000.

Marvin and Joyce served in pastoral ministry for 33 years, with ATAM, Inc. for 14 years, making 47 combined years of service before their official retirement in March 2005. Following retirement, they have been active in the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Clinton, where they currently reside.

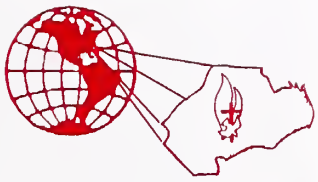
The Whitfields celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in January 2008. Joyce has served faithfully by Marvin's side wherever God's will for their lives has taken them. Her deep compassion and love for others have truly been a blessing to Marvin, her family and to the church families they have served along the way.

Marvin and Joyce have two children - Steve and his wife, Kay, who live in Mount Olive, North Carolina, and Deborah and her husband, Eddie, who live in Selma, North Carolina. They have five grandchildren - Brandon, Adam, Benjamin, Kelly and Matt, and three great-grandchildren, Addison, Riley Marie and Aidan.

No couple is more deserving of the honor we place upon them as our 2008 Poster Retired Ministers of the Year. They have served their generation well, and our world has been made a better place as a result.

We bless them and wish for them many more years to enjoy life and to share God's love.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions



J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Evangelism:

It is an exciting time as we complete the details for City Quest in Falcon on April 17-19. We are expecting from 60 to 70 attendees who have a passion to plant a church or to mother a church. The diversity of the attendees at City Quest will rightly mirror the diversity of America. When we see the trends that say only as many as 20 to 25 percent of Americans go to church and that 80-plus percent of American churches have plateaued, we must continue to catch the vision and passion to plant churches.

This has been a priority in the N.C. Conference for several years. We have prayed for the pioneering spirit to catch hold, and it is taking place. In 2006 and '07, a total of 38 new and/or organized churches were added to the conference. To God be the glory! We have to continue on the track of a church-planting movement because it such an effective tool to reach the unsaved/unchurched.

I have room to highlight only a couple of the new congregations. **New Destiny Church** in Greenville, pastor Marc Swanner, is truly making an impact in Greenville and the surrounding area. This church has been in existence for only 1½ years, and yet, since the beginning of 2008, its attendance is consistently in the high 90s and has even reached beyond the 100 mark on several Sundays. God is blessing the community through this church as many souls have been added to the Kingdom. An added praise to God is that as of January 1, 2008, New Destiny took over the loan of the property. Evangelism Ministries (N.C. Conference) renovated the New Destiny facility at an investment of over $250,000. The projection was that New Destiny would incrementally take over the loan. However, God is blessing financially, and under the leadership of Pastor Swanner and his leadership team, that step was made at least a year in advance.

Pastor Martha Bedoya, a leader from **Oasis Hispanic Church** in Greenville, had a vision to plant another Hispanic church in the area. In January '07, the agreement was made that Calvary Temple (pastor, Timothy Creel) in Winterville would host the new work. Great progress has been accomplished, and Pastor Bedoya is doing a great job in leading Spring of Life PH Church. The church is consistently averaging 60-70 in attendance.

Pastor Larry Wright brought his church (**Heal the Land Ministries**) into the IPHC in July '07. In the fall of 2007 the church finished construction on their new worship facility, and it is beautiful. It is a strong church with extensive outreach into the community. Heal the Land and Pastor Larry Wright are well known in Fayetteville and Cumberland County as a church with passion for the lost and an ongoing ministry to those with special needs in their lives.

These three churches—along with all of our other new and existing churches—form a strong and growing family that mirrors the diversity in Eastern North Carolina, and ultimately, the Family of God. We are working "together" in ministry, reaping His harvest. As the last two years have seen tremendous progress, I have no reason to doubt that 2008 will again be a banner year of harvest, addition, and multiplication of the Kingdom!

MISSIONS:

On Tuesday April 8, the Evangelism and World Missions boards came together for our day of training and motivation. It was a great day of celebration and praise for what God has accomplished. It was also a time of challenge and planning as we go forward into 2008 and beyond with goals for Missions involvement by our churches.

What Is Your Vision For 2008?

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

We made plans as to how we would promote from the conference and district levels the annual Global Outreach Offering. The GO Goal was set at $340,000 (Note: received $326,247 in 2007). However, when our district units met in January/February and each district projected its goals, the figure totaled $368,000! I must tell you that this is an exciting prospect—and quite achievable, I might add. The question to be asked as our churches set their local goals for Global Outreach is this: ***What is your vision for 2008?*** The sky is the limit! I have included a photo of the Evangelism and World Missions Board members, who have committed themselves to leading the way in pledging their Day's Wage towards this vital offering. When you read this article, there will be approximately 2½ months until the *Global Outreach Celebration on Sunday August 10 at 5:00 p.m.* in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. I am anticipating a full house to celebrate and praise God for a "breakthrough" year. Remember, the Global Outreach Offering enables our missionaries to carry out the work of ministry on the field. It also enables EVUSA to plant churches in the U.S. Without this offering the work of WMM and EVUSA would be severely limited. Pastors, I challenge you to lead the way and model before your people the concept of "A Day's Wage." Again, we're challenging all our churches/pastors to 100 percent participation. We have an ample supply of promotional materials to enable you to get the message and challenge across to your people.

I am also pleased to inform you that the first quarter Missions Giving report shows that through March '08 vs. March '07 (a record year), we are **11 percent ahead**. Praise God, and thank you for your compassion and determination to fulfill the Great Commission! Remember, what we accomplish in WMM is investing in the harvest and changing eternal destinies.

God bless you in your field of ministry.

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Missing Ministry Opportunities

by Rev. Terry Whittenton, NC Conference Evangelist and CEM Board Member

April 5 in Falcon was an amazing day. This was one of two days set aside for Conference Talent. We never cease to be amazed at the wonderful talent found throughout the North Carolina Conference. When we talk about Talent Quest, we automatically think of the teens. Yes, we have great **teens**, but did anyone think about the talent and abilities of our **juniors**? You should have been there. The junior talent gets better and better every year. Since serving on the CEM Board, I have witnessed firsthand the hard work our juniors are putting into talent.

While sitting at junior talent on Saturday, the thought came to my mind that we are missing ministry opportunities. The average church person has the idea, "If we reach our teens, then the church will have a bright future." That is a true statement, but what if we had this mentality, "If we reach our children and juniors, we have a brighter future." This doesn't mean forgetting the teens. No, it's quite the opposite. I love teens and have spent a lot of time with them. However, it is evident that we are missing even greater ministry opportunities because we have been sold a bill of goods that tells us juniors haven't arrived yet at an age or place in their life that they require our ministry.

Let's take a moment to examine our hearts about why we are missing ministry opportunities.

1. **Mind-Set:** If we are to tap into one of the greatest resources of the church (our juniors) then we must have a shift in our thinking. Most ministers—yes, most ministers—have not caught the idea or the vision of effectively ministering to this age level. Talk to most pastors, and they want a dynamic youth ministry. Usually this philosophy consists of ministering to teens. The fact is, if you want an effective teen ministry, you must begin with an effective children's ministry, which includes the junior age. All information points to the necessity of reaching people before they reach the age of 13.

2. **Building Foundation:** How many of you have ever been involved in a building program? Of course getting the plans together and satisfying inspectors and meeting building codes is a major problem. The hardest part of building is the foundation. It is labor intensive. In many cases, the foundation has to be dug with a shovel, not a backhoe. Trenches have to be dug for the plumbing and electrical if a concrete slab is involved. The foundation has to be deep and wide and meet certain criteria. It's a lot of work isn't it? Maybe this could be a root problem to our missing ministry opportunities. Buildings look a lot better when the walls are up and the roof is on. You see these areas go fairly quickly. Not foundation work. Digging foundations may take you through hard clay and stone. Building foundation in juniors comes with sweat equity. It requires someone willing to stick with it. People who are foundational to building children and juniors will need to get blisters on their hands and be willing to sweat. They must be willing to work hard. Foundation work is not for people who want to lean on the shovel.

3. **Time Factor:** Missing ministry opportunities happens when time has not been put into our efforts. We live in an instant world. Instant messages, text messages, e-mail, PDAs, iPods, iPhones and "I-quit" usually run our lives. These are fast solutions to contacting people in the most efficient way. Even using these items has helped to make our lives somewhat more efficient, but not so with ministry. Effective ministry comes through touching people, eyeballing people, spending time with people. For us to build lives effectively, time—and more specifically, quality time—must be a key factor. Spending time with children and juniors requires more time than most teens. Why? Age difference. Consistency is the key. The juniors normally get our leftovers. They need to become a constant priority in the church, just as they are a constant priority in the Kingdom of God. Repetition often is boring to us as adults, but it is exactly what is needed for them to comprehend. Discipline keeps focus and sets expectations and standards. Here is an amazing fact: children like discipline. It gives them comfort. Planning is a must. Ministry has to be done with more than a feel it mentality. It takes thoughtful, prayerful planning with our ears open to what the Spirit would have us minister. Commitment to excellence—this is where status quo doesn't fit. Commitment means more than just taking the job; it also means being willing to do whatever is needed to accomplish the task.

Take a look around where you minister. Are you missing ministry opportunities? If so, maybe it's time for a change. Prayerfully consider where God might use you to change the world in which you live.

Congratulations to ALL of our 2008 Teen Talent Quest Winners!

6.2 Alpha – Short Sermon	Aaron Alford	Stedman
6.2 Omega – Short Sermon	Jonathan Mills	Greenville First
6.3 Alpha – Drama, Audible	Michael West	The Life Center
6.3 Omega – Drama, Audible	Dewaine Harris	Gospel Tabernacle
6.4 Drama, Audible (Group)	Lighthouse Drama Team	Gospel Tabernacle
6.7 Alpha - Drama, Pantomime	Kaitlyn Gaster	Wilmington First
6.7 Omega – Drama, Pantomime	Adam Stedman	The Life Center
6.8 Drama, Pantomime (Group)	Category 5	Greenville First
6.9 Alpha – Dance, Classical	Paige McCumbee	Highest Praise
6.9 Omega – Dance, Classical	Jessica Alford	Stedman
6.10 Dance, Classical (Group)	The Capital Dance Team	The Capital
6.11 Omega – Dance, Contemporary	Courtney Haire	Stedman
6.12 Dance, Contemporary (Group)	Jessica Alford, Courtney Haire	Stedman
7.1 Alpha – Creative Arts, Painting	Kalyn Dozier	Gospel Tabernacle
7.1 Omega – Creative Arts, Painting	Stephanie Pennington	Northwood Temple
7.2 Alpha – Creative Arts, Graphics	Andrew Roof	The Capital
7.2 Omega – Creative Arts, Graphics	Holley Roberson	The Capital
7.3 Alpha – Creative Arts, 3-D Art	Nicole Novrocki	Greenville First
7.4 Alpha – Creative Arts, Photography	Ashley Johnson	Oak Ridge
7.4 Omega – Creative Arts, Photography	Skylar Mills	Greenville First
7.5 Alpha – Creative Arts, Fabricated Art	Christina Smith	Greenville First
7.7 Alpha – Creative Arts, Website Design	James Gentry	Greenville First
8.3 Omega – Creative Writing – Poetry	Stephanie Pennington	Northwood Temple
9.1 Video	Dewaine Harris & Beck Thomas	Gospel Tabernacle

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

A Proper Testimony!

Everyone has a testimony! The testimony may be one of power, victory, past blessings, or even failure. Normally when the word *testimony* is used, it is in a positive sense of blessing and influence. Yet the word may be used when one has a negative reputation. The Lord desires that every testimony be positive and one that will reflect His blessings. Every testimony may be a proper one.

In his letter to the Philippian church, in the section that reveals his passion, chapter one, Paul speaks of a proper testimony.

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries" (Philippians 1:27-28).

The heart of the testimony presented here is one of unity. Bear in mind, Paul is writing to a church. He is writing to a group of people called out from the world to serve Christ. His desire for this church that is under his supervision is that they work together to further the gospel. The ultimate goal is for benefit of the gospel.

Remember in this section it has already been stated that Paul lives for Christ and the furtherance of the gospel. He said, "For me to live is Christ." He is ready to go to heaven, but if he remains, his desire is to serve his Lord.

May the Lord grant that such a desire exist in His church today! May this be the testimony of every church. This indeed would be a proper testimony. Such a testimony should be a "living epistle known and read by all men."

Let us study and analyze this testimony as here presented by Paul.

It should be a testimony of standing fast. The phrase implies that one is upright, unmovable, but active. It is the position of being on guard but balanced to move forward. The church should always be active, standing on a firm foundation of biblical truth, but postured to move forward in obedience to Christ's command.

The church should be in one spirit and one mind. This certainly describes the world of the Holy Spirit in giving motivation and high morale. The "one mind" goes far beyond mental assent and knowing the right things. The phrase embraces the idea of a proper attitude. "Striving together" is an athletic phrase. The idea is one of contending for a prize. Here the idea is more Roman than Greek. The Greek idea of the games was to honor the winner. The Roman idea of the games was to win in order to survive. The losers normally died. Ultimately here the plan is to work together with a great expenditure of energy and to work as if one's life depended on it because it really does. All are working for one purpose and one common goal: to glorify God and to execute His plan and purpose. What a wonderful goal this is for the church!

The individual members of the church in such an endeavor do not lose their individuality or gifting. Here is unity, but it is unity in the midst of diversity. Everyone brings his or her gifting and talents into use. All are united in purpose. Each one is needed. By all coming together, completeness and fullness are realized. With the dreamer and visionary comes a detailer and planner. With the hand comes a foot. An eye is accompanied by an ear.

"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, making increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

This proper testimony is far removed from many churches today. Many do not present a proper conduct (conversation) as becomes the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:27). Yet they can accomplish this. The Lord is willing, and that is His desire. Here is the flow. The Lord supplies the vision through His pastor and leadership team. The body flows in one mind and one spirit. All strive together for the faith of the Gospel. Victory is assured.

It is a wonderful thing for the body to flow together and stand together in an ordained God-pursuit. When the world sees such action, they are drawn much more powerfully to the church.

This same spirit and action should be taken to another level. Churches should work together in the same way. Churches are different and bring diversities of gifts to the body. All are needed. The gospel is spread. The world sees and comes to understand. It is a struggle of life and death. The winners receive the gospel. The losers experience eternal death!

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Oak Ridge Retires Debt

On April 2, 2001, Oak Ridge borrowed $13,700 with interest from the North Carolina Conference Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund. The funds were used to build a concrete handicap ramp and to construct a new porch and entry area.

Pastor Couillard presented to the church the idea of working towards paying off the loan earlier and the church becoming debt free. The people of Oak Ridge caught the vision and began working to pay off the loan. The debt was paid in full February 6, 2008.

Bishop Chris Thompson presided over the note-burning ceremony on Sunday morning, March 30. Each of the board members and department leaders took part in the ceremony.

To God be the glory!

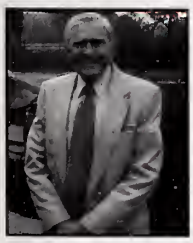
After the service, lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

Oak Ridge Church News

Oak Ridge had a Sunday school campaign to increase the attendance in Sunday school. If the goal of 30 were reached in Sunday school on Easter morning, the Sunday school superintendent would cut Pastor Couillard's tie. The goal was met with an attendance of 40. Superintendent James Wilson had the honor of cutting the tie. As you can see in the picture, Pastor Couillard didn't mind at all.

Oak Ridge is growing, and we praise God for the increase.

Rev. Jettie Parker Celebrates 85th Birthday



After church on Sunday morning, April 20, 2008, family and friends gathered at Lee County's Circle M City to honor Jettie Parker and celebrate his upcoming 85th birthday. Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the event, including the members of his Sunday school class, who were the specially invited guests.

The meal, spread on tables in the "livery stable" of the Old West town, featured delicious barbecue, fried chicken, a variety of vegetables, and scrumptious birthday cakes. Sanford First's pastor, Greg Long, returned thanks for the food and thanked the Lord for His blessings on the life of this retired missionary and pastor.

"It's all because of God," Rev. Parker responded when asked by his youngest son, Mark, to say a few words before the birthday cake was cut. The guests all joined in singing "Happy Birthday" and wished for him many more. He is loved and appreciated by the Sanford First Church and the city of Sanford, especially the many nursing and retirement home residents to whom he continues to minister so faithfully.

After the meal, a time of entertainment provided by the Circle M City staff followed in the ranch church. This included performances by "Sheriff Marsh and Krazy Kate."

The occasion was sponsored by Rev. Parker's five children, who heartily agree that words are inadequate to express the love and gratitude they feel for the wonderful father God has given them!

—Patricia Parker Coble

Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church

The Smyrna Pentecostal Holiness Church (Morehead City District) is interviewing for the position of a full-time minister of music. For more information, please call Pastor Jonathan Griffin at 252-729-7729 or e-mail him at pastor.jonathan.griffin@smyrnaphc.org.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays
May/June 2008

Rev. Tim Creel	May 3
Rev. Ralph Leggett	May 17
Rev. Lee Toler	May 19
Rev. R. N. Hood	May 19
Rev. Mrs. Elsie Arthur	May 19
Rev. McElree Purifoy	May 28
Rev. Horace Warwick	June 1
Rev. L. B. Collins	June 4
Rev. John Parker	June 5
Rev. John Slye	June 9
Rev. Haywood Price	June 11
Rev. Lester Jarrett	June 18
Rev. Ted Johnson	June 25
Rev. David Butts	June 27
Rev. Lalleon Narron	June 29
Rev. Marvin Whitfield	June 29
Rev. Sidney Webb	June 30

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Recalling the Hope of Glory: Biblical Worship From the Garden to the New Creation

by Allen P. Ross. Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications. 591 pages.

Allen P. Ross always gets my attention when it comes to any historical-theological study, particularly about the Old Testament. The postmodern church needs lumination and clear understanding of worship, the kind of worship that is God-centered and thoroughly scriptural in scope and practice. Orthopraxy cannot be possible without orthodoxy. Sound doctrine makes the adherence and practice of biblical worship possible for us in the 21st century. When worship responds correctly to divine revelation, God is glorified. As Jeremiah Burroughs wrote, "Whatsoever we meddle with in the worship of God must be what we have a warrant for out of the Word of God."

Although the subject of worship remains vast, inexhaustible, and challenging, every true disciple of Jesus Christ seeks to follow the precepts, principles, and patterns of worship. The Bible has much to say about worship. Since God commands believers to glorify Him, the true disciple longs to conform to the kind of worship that glorifies the Lord. True, Spirit-led worship focuses wholly on God while some contemporary worship activities seem to focus on the flesh or the visible world. As Ross declared, "Worshipers must be careful not to trivialize worship in the Spirit; to be in harmony with the Spirit of God will control the whole life and not just a few moments in a service." When the Lord commands us to glorify Him, He is inviting us to enjoy Him. To enjoy God one must possess an unrivaled and undivided heart for God!

The author's passion for worship that glorifies God is apparent throughout the book as he develops the theme of glory, the fundamental message of *Recalling the Hope of Glory*. True worship glorifies God. To worship God in a "worship service," for example during "Sunday Morning Live," does not always lead to love and devotion to Christ. But to love God—truly to love Him with all of one's heart, soul, mind, and strength—will always lead to praise, thanksgiving, and worship. The proof that a person loves the Lord is not how well or how loudly one sings, but in how well one obeys. Worship without obedience steals the worth and respect of God. The God who doesn't have to be obeyed doesn't have much worth. Bible worship deeply appreciates the "worthship" of God. Worship without commitment mocks the glory of God. Worship activities that fail to flow from a love for God fall short of the glory of God. Worship is not just another routine and ordinary activity. As there are many Old Testament and New Testament examples of fleshly worship, that kind of worship may become the means to sinning against the Lord. There is such a great need of the flesh hooks moving us back to the fiery center in worship, giving Him a royal burnt offering worthy of His holy name.

Ross wrote, "Genuine worship is the natural and proper response to the revelation of the holy Lord God of glory. It will bring about reverential fear, confession, sacrifice, praise, and commitment."

The Laodicean church lacked reverential fear, sacrifice, sincere love, and commitment. Lukewarmness sees little reason to confess sin and praise God wholeheartedly. When worshipers possess too low a view of God or too high a view of themselves, true worship suffers. Have our hearts become ensnared and entangled with the business of the world? The hallowed God we say we know is the sovereign Creator and absolute Lord of the whole universe, whose greatness far exceeds the sum of all human greatness throughout all human history. Who is man to compare himself with God's "unimaginable perfection, illimitable majesty, and incomprehensible glory"? What a great honor and privilege it is to worship God in His sanctifying presence! We must have faith to believe that everything we do in worship pleases God. If it doesn't, we must stop it and forsake it finally.

The true excellence of the book lies in the inductive study of worship throughout the entire Bible. It is essentially a wonderful reference book on worship and the glory of God. From the Garden of Eden to the portable tent in the wilderness and the beautiful Solomonic temple in the city of David, to the new center of worship in Jesus Christ, who came and tabernacled among men, and the worship of the early church, the author presents information and principles worthy of one's time to study to validate the workman that need not be ashamed. What is so remarkable about this book is that the author maintains a vision of worship that "is at once luminous, transcendent, and inexhaustible." Worship cannot help but occur as one reads its pages. Come to this book ready to be challenged, confronted, and changed. Come with an open heart ready to receive from the Holy Spirit what you need in your life and in the worship you offer to God.

The Incomparability of Yahweh in the Old Testament

by C. J. Labuschagne. Netherlands: E. J. Brill Publishers, 1966. 164 pages.

With great effort and persistence, I was finally able to secure a copy of this very rare landmark book by C. J. Labuschangne that highlights the qualities of God that set Him apart from the other gods mentioned in the Bible. It draws attention to God's uniqueness and singularity in a polytheistic world.

Labuschagne studied the four categories of expressions of God's incomparability found in the Old Testament, which are (1) There is none... (1 Samuel 2:2; Exodus 9:14, Psalm 86:8); (2) Who is like....? (Isaiah 44:7; Jeremiah 49:19; Psalm 35:10, 77:13, 113:5; Exodus 15:11); (3) Who is like...? (2 Chronicles 2:6; 2 Samuel 7:18); and (4) None.... The expected answer to all comparisons of incomparable acts by our Lord is, "None but Yahweh alone!" (Isaiah 40:12-14; Deuteronomy 3:24; Proverbs 30:4; Job 34:13; 36:23)

The conclusion of the matter reveals that no god from whatever origin or nation can compare to the magnificence and magnitude of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Immediately a sermon comes in view: Magnifying the Incomparability of Our God!

Perhaps the reader would make such an effort to find this wonderful book that magnifies God that would lead to worship and adoration. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"We are laborers together with God; ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

(1 Corinthians 3:9)

When Paul wrote this scripture, he was writing to the church. He desperately wanted competent leaders to rise up within the church, leaders who were healthy, strong, and able to make decisions without his help. I believe that together we are going to make a big difference. As women of God, we need to encourage our young women and young girls in the Lord.

"Together Is Power" is the theme for the 64th annual Women's Ministries Convention that will be held on Saturday, June 7 in Falcon. We would like to encourage you to bring not only your women but also your girls.

B. Kay Jones from Decatur, Alabama, will be our guest speaker. Those of you who attended Power Chicks last summer will remember this dynamic young lady. She was right on target with her message. The Lord is using her to help lead women and girls into the liberating presence of a loving God. Please mark this date on your calendar, fill up your cars and vans, and come be blessed.

Remember, together we can make a difference!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

May I introduce you to our new granddaughter, Madison Elizabeth Lee (Maddie). She was born on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. She weighted 8lbs. 5oz. Her parents are Andrea & Alan Lee. Mom, Dad, and Big Brother (Carter) are doing just great! Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

"Mr. Henry & Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- Remove crayon marks with toothpaste. Squirt a small dab of non-gel toothpaste on the wall where the mark is. Rub gently with a soft cloth, and then rinse with warm water.
- Can't get garlic or onion odor off your hands? Wash them with a blob of toothpaste.
- Use a wet cotton ball or Q-tip to pick up the small shards of glass you can't see easily.
- To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge, add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift-wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

Sanford First's New WM Board Installation

Sunday, March 2 marked a special day on the calendar of the Sanford First Church. The new WM Board was installed.

After expressing appreciation to the outgoing board, especially for the faithful and outstanding leadership service of the former director, Mrs. Annie Lou O'Quinn, Pastor Greg Long called the new board forward. He thanked them for their willingness to serve and encouraged them by pointing out the potential opportunities to be a blessing in the church, the community, and the Kingdom.

The following Sunday, March 9, WM Founder's Day was celebrated with Mrs. Patsy Payne, Fayetteville District director, as guest speaker. Patsy inspired and challenged us to greater and better service.

Above: Sheila West, Lois Brafford, Annie O'Quinn, Katie Beck, Joan Lemons, and Jean Sessoms. Pastor Greg Long is in the back.

Right: Katie Buck, new WM Director

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Adding Your *John Hancock*

A story circulating on e-mail via the World Wide Web goes as follows: a lady by the name of Barbara Glanz was hired by a large supermarket chain to lead a customer service program to build customer loyalty. During her presentation, she said that every one of them could make a difference and create memories for their customers that would motivate them to come back.

The question "How?" was asked.

"Put your personal signature on the job!" she said. "Think about something you can do for your customers to make them feel special; a memory that will make them come back."

Not long after that conference, she received a call from a nineteen-year-old bagger named Johnny. He proudly informed her he was a Down syndrome individual and proceeded to tell her his story. He said he liked what she talked about, but at first he didn't think he could do anything special for the customers. After all, he was just a bagger.

Then Johnny had an idea. Every night after work, he'd come home and find a thought for the day. If he couldn't find a saying he liked, he would just think up one. When Johnny had a good thought for the day, his dad helped him set it up on the computer and print multiple copies. Johnny would cut out each quote and sign his name on the back. Then he'd bring them to work the next day. When he finished bagging someone's groceries, he would put a thought for the day in the person's bag and say, "Thanks for shopping with us!"

It was very touching to think that this young man with a job most people would say is not important had made it important by creating precious memories for all his customers. A short time later, the store manager called and said, "You won't believe what happened. When I was making my rounds today, I found Johnny's checkout line was three times longer than anyone else's. His line went all the way to the rear of the store, so I immediately called for more cashiers to open more registers. Then I tried to get people to change lanes, but no one would move. They said, 'It's okay; we want to be in Johnny's lane. We want his thought for the day.'"

The store manager continued, "It was a joy to watch Johnny delight the customers. One woman told him that she used to shop here once a week, but now she stops every time she passes because she wants to get Johnny's thought for the day."

You see, Johnny made a difference. He made it personal and created a memory that caused people to come back. The spirit of joy began to spread because of Johnny.

What can we as believers learn from Johnny's example? What can we do in our churches that would encourage people to come? More than that, what can we do to cause people to come back?

Think about it: when is the last time you saw a line of people waiting to get in a church? Wouldn't it be wonderful if we made such an impression on people for Jesus that they couldn't wait to get back to our services?

I challenge to consider what *you* can do to put your personal signature on your church and create memories that would touch the saved and the unsaved. How long do you want your "checkout line" to be?

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A Triumphant Church

As I was praying one day, God spoke to me and said, "Lydia, tell my people what a triumphant church looks like." I will try to share some of what God has been speaking to me about.

"A triumphant church is a church that is Kingdom minded, where born-again believers man their posts, where militant believers take action, where the assignments of God are fulfilled, where orders are received and followed, where territories are possessed and inheritance is received. She is a church that is called, appointed, equipped, anointed, victorious, cared for and loved by me."

A TRIUMPHANT CHURCH:

Knows God is your **Creator** – (Supreme Being) – Creator is His title.

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the **everlasting** God, the **Lord**, the **Creator** of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding" (Isa. 40:28).

Knows God is your **Source** (spring, fountain) – **Source** is His title.

"I am the true **vine**..." (John 15:1).
"Abide in me, and **I in you**..." (John 15:4).
"Ye have not chosen me, but **I have chosen you**, and **ordained** you..." (John 15:16).
"...For **without me** ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Know God has **Chosen** you (selected, elected) – **Chosen** to be His own.

"The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect" (Psa. 33:10).
"The counsel of the **Lord standeth for ever**, the **thoughts of his heart to all generations**" (Psa. 33:11).
"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the **people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance**" (Psa. 33:12).
"Every good gift and every perfect **gift is from above**, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:16).
"**Of his own will begat he us** with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures" (James 1:17).

Know that you are God's **Treasure** (cherished, peculiar treasure).

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a **peculiar treasure** unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine" (Ex. 19:5).
"And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom** of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:6).
Kingdom People:

- Represent God.
- Have authority (delegated authority).
- Are temples of the Holy Spirit.
- Have an inheritance.
- Love God and love to do His will.

For Kingdom people:

- Knowing God is priority.
- Serving and giving is automatic.
- Enlarging the Kingdom is a must.
- Loving others comes easy.

In today's busy world, many are caught up in doing or not doing for God and forget **being**. As God's people, we must be a church that is triumphant by the evidence of God's manifested presence and glory in our life and as a church.

Knowing who He is and who we are in Him will result in being a triumphant church (a body of believers) moving from victory to victory in Christ and in the world today.

Will you join this triumphant church?

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This Is My Friend, Marguaritte

Several years ago, maybe ten, I met a tall, slim, slumped-over lady with long black hair, whose friendship, in time, I would learn to love and really appreciate. My friend's name was Marguaritte.

Marguaritte had lived a "normal" life, so to speak, with her husband and small son. One day her husband had a heart attack and died, leaving this mother to raise her son alone. As time went by, she came on hard times when her son grew older and became restless, and she felt that she needed to be at home with him to keep him out of trouble. She quit her job and soon had to cut back on a lot of things, one being the insurance on the house. As things happened, they had a fire and lost their house and everything they owned.

Marguaritte ended up having to go to Social Services and get help. She was able to move into an apartment, but because her son was older now, he could not move in with her. To make a long story short, her son had to get a place of his own, and for the first time in years, Marguaritte had to be alone. Not only was she alone, but she would also wake at night with the fear of the apartment being on fire!

Marguaritte had been a devout Catholic and just couldn't understand why this had happened to her. She felt she had always tried to live right and just couldn't understand why God was punishing her.

We had met, and I would run into her every so often at the drug store or somewhere in town. She was always happy to see me, and I would always end up praying with her, and she felt so much better after our prayer. I took her phone number and any information I could to keep up with her because I knew that God had put us together. I knew that all I had was given to me by the Lord and that here was a lady in her 70s with no help whatsoever. She had friends in her church who did not understand what she was going through and told her to "get over it."

But God saw value in Marguaritte. She was such a sweet and considerate woman. She would call to "just hear my voice," as she would say, but never wanted to bother me because she knew I was busy. God was giving me the words to comfort her each time we would talk. Sometimes we would meet at Wendy's for an inexpensive lunch, and the people would just stare!

But God was working in our relationship, and I encouraged her to go to Gospel Tabernacle. She went for a few services but did not understand about accepting Jesus as her Savior. We talked about what everything meant, and I was able to introduce my friend, Marguaritte, to Jesus, my Savior.

As months passed, with all kinds of physical problems, car problems, and financial problems, Marguaritte came closer to the Lord. Then one day Betsy Johnson Hospital called and wanted to know if I knew Marguaritte Wynn and if I was related. I had to say no to the last question and tried to give them some kind of information so they could get in touch with her son. I was really concerned by then because they could not tell me anything. So I soon left to go to the hospital and found that Marguaritte had died in an accident. I was able to minister to her son and daughter-in-law, but I knew that Marguaritte was with Jesus!

I have related all of this to you to help you realize that no matter whom you run into on the street or in the store or even in church, God values each and every one because He died for all of us!

God put me in Marguaritte's life, and I know He has those people who need you in their lives! In these last days before Jesus returns, ask Him to place you in the lives of those that desperately need Him. He not only will bless them through your touch, but also will tremendously bless your life. I am a better person because of Marguaritte in my life. Step out in faith; the Holy Spirit will do the work, and you don't have to worry about what to say or do! Sometimes we forget about our own problems by helping others, and God will, in turn, bless our life in the way that is needed!

As you begin each morning with God, pray that He will give you a friend like my friend Marguaritte. Please read James 5:14-16.

Don't Forget!

Don't forget our Ministers' Wives Meeting at Camp Meeting this year. Our fellowship will begin at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 9, 2008, in the fellowship hall of the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon. Our theme this year is "Running the Race," and our special speaker is Sister Bobbie Hilliard, from Greenville, N.C. Mrs. Bobbie is the wife of Rev. Stacy Hilliard. We are excited about our program this year, and we hope you will make plans now to attend. May God bless you and yours!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Are You a Packrat?

I have a confession to make. I am a packrat! I have always been a packrat, and I'm sure I will always be a packrat.

I suppose one reason for being a packrat was the fact that I was raised poor and never owned anything of value. Also, I had two brothers who were "all boy" and didn't think anything of hitting a doll with their fists and knocking it all the way across the room. As a result, I would take care of everything that I had and made sure it was safe.

I also inherited the hobby of collecting from my father. He was a jack-of-all-trades and could make anything out of nothing. Sometimes if something broke, he would have a way of fixing it instead of buying a new one because there was not enough money for that. I also enjoy figuring out how to fix things when they tear up.

There are many woes of a packrat. Packrats sometimes will not throw away a small piece of paper because it has some importance to them. Most people look down on us because they just do not understand. Sometimes we save a magazine because of a really good article and also because as we get older we may not remember what the article said a couple of days later!

One saving grace I have is that as I get older, I remember there are things I haven't even laid my eyes on in years, and I realize there is no reason to keep them any longer. Also, as time goes by, I realize that if anything were to happen to me, my family would lose all love and affection for me if they had to go through my stuff!

One good thing about being a packrat is that I know the Lord made me that way because of what He has called me to do here in the N.C. Conference Archives! I do get overwhelmed at times, as all packrats do, but God is always faithful to help me get back on track and keep going. As more things come in, I find myself having to reorganize and find new ways of doing things.

Are you a packrat? There is good news! The N.C. Conference Archives can help you by taking some of your pictures or important papers about the church, its ministers, and the church people and putting them in a safe place. We are looking for pictures of old churches, pictures of ministers (for whom we have nothing in their file), *Apostolic Evangels,* or any old papers having to do with our history. Please consider the peace you will have and place some of these things in our hands so that others may come and research their church's history or the pastors of their church.

From one packrat to another, let me help you have peace of mind in knowing that your mementoes will be just as important to us as they are to you and that we will take care of them!

Did You Know...?

When the Thompson family moved to Falcon in 1986, there was a frail little lady who lived here and soon became one of my favorite people. Her name was Mrs. Mollie Thornton Culbreth Evans. Mrs. Mollie had come to Falcon as a young girl to attend high school at the Falcon Holiness School. After graduation, Mrs. Mollie went to Holmes Theological Seminary for one year and then came back to Falcon to work at the Children's Home.

Mrs. Mollie was one of those unforgettable people with whom we all come in contact during our lives here on earth. Mrs. Mollie was a prayer warrior. Everyone loved to hear her pray. There would be times we would be riding down the road, and she would just say, "Glory!" She was always praying and always an inspiration.

On September 8, 1945, she became the second wife of the late J. A. Culbreth. She and Brother Culbreth had a good marriage and enjoyed life together. They were married for almost five years when Brother Culbreth died in 1950. The Culbreth family deeded to Mrs. Mollie the land right beside the Culbreth Church, and then she was given a house that was moved on the lot.

In 1960, Mrs. Mollie married Rev. T. O. Evans, retired superintendent of the S.C. Conference. Brother Evans was a builder, so he sold the house and had it moved, and then he built Mrs. Mollie a house on the lot. They moved to Florence, which was his home, and deeded the "new" house to the World Missions Department of the P.H. Church. The home was to be theirs until their death, and then it would go to the Church as a home for missionaries.

Brother Evans went to meet his Lord in 1985, and Mrs. Mollie moved back to Falcon to live in the little house beside the Culbreth Memorial Church. Mrs. Mollie lived in the home until she was moved into the Golden Years Home about a year and a half before she died on October 30, 1998. Needless to say, she is sorely missed, but we will meet again!

Because of their love of missions and those who would give up their homes and possessions to go to another field of service for the Lord, these two people gave. Their lives have been an inspiration to others, and we now have four Mission houses in our Conference. God blessed them, and they in turn wanted to bless others. We are yet to see the results of this huge blessing to those who give up all to give all!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Luis and Leotilde Feliz

Lo Que Comienza Como un Sueño

Los hermanos Luis y Leotilde Feliz son nativos de República Dominicana, pero tienen muchos años de vivir en los Estados Unidos. El pastor Feliz se convirtió al Señor en el año 1958 en el país de República Dominicana y fue llamado por Dios al ministerio en el año 1991. Ellos sirvieron al Señor plantando dos iglesias en el estado de Rode Island en los años 2001 y 2002, luego se vinieron para Carolina del Norte en el año 2003 propiamente a la ciudad de Lumberton, en donde comenzaron una obra hispana. Empezaron las reuniones en el taller de mecánica de Luis Feliz en St Paul y unos seis meses mas tarde se trasladaron a un local rentado en el centro de Lumberton. Fue en el mes de Febrero 2007 que se trasladaron a la Primera iglesia de Santidad Pentecostal y el pastor Tim Bowen les ayudó para que se reunieran en sus instalaciones hasta la fecha de hoy. Gracias a la iglesia angloamericana del pastor Bowen la iglesia hispana siguió su trayectoria de crecimiento y desarrollo hasta hoy. Han sido muchos milagros los cuales empezaron como un sueño en el corazón de los pastores Luis y Leotilde Feliz. Ellos empezaron a orar y buscar por cuatro años y medio un local para seguir con la visión de la iglesia hispana, pero no había sido posible encontrar. En una ocasión el hermano Luis encontró el edificio de una iglesia Metodista el cual tenía muchos años de existencia y por mucho tiempo no se estaba usando. Se empezó a orar por ese edifico y a buscar a los dueños. Fue muy difícil encontrar los dueños y dar con las personas indicadas hasta que finalmente encontramos las oficinas de la iglesia Metodista en Raleigh. Luego de encontrarlos a ellos se empezó a hacer contacto con las personas indicadas y esperar por respuestas para ver si vendían la propiedad, hasta que finalmente logramos que nos la vendieran. Después de mucho proceso, oración, contactos, y gestiones; finalmente se logró la compra de la propiedad.

Por medio de un préstamo con el Fondo de Ahorro y Préstamo de nuestra Conferencia, se adquirió la propiedad; también hubo que esperar porque aparentemente había en los planos de la ciudad el proyecto de una calle que pasaría justo en frente de la iglesia, así que se tuvo que hacer todo lo relacionado hasta que eso se resolviera. El Señor puso su mano y la propiedad no tuvo que ser segregada por esa calle, sino que todo ahora pertenecía a la iglesia. Alabamos al Señor por que este pasado 7 de mayo estuvimos en la oficina del abogado, en donde se firmó la compra de la propiedad y hoy la iglesia hispana "Nuevo Renacer" son dueños del templo y podrán seguir con la visión que Dios les ha dado.

Comenzó como un sueño en el corazón de los pastores Feliz, pero hoy es realidad. Una vez más queremos exaltar la fidelidad de Dios por su amor y bondad. También reconocer la persistencia, fe y certeza de los pastores Feliz de que ellos obtendrían finalmente un templo para la iglesia en la ciudad de Lumberton.

Como dije anteriormente el edificio es una construcción que tiene muchos años y necesita varias renovaciones y reparaciones. Como podrán ver las fotos incluidas, son varios los retos que mis hermanos tienen para embellecer ese templo para la gloria de Dios. Le compartimos esta información para que usted pueda darse cuenta una vez de lo siguiente: Dios es fiel, El escucha la oración, El respalda la visión que pone en el corazón de sus siervos y provee para Su obra de la nada. También le compartimos esta noticia para que usted pueda identificarse con esta gran obra en Lumberton en las siguientes maneras:

a. Orando para que los hermanos puedan completar los proyectos de renovaciones y mejoras en el templo.

b. Para que usted pueda también conocer que este es un gran proyecto en donde usted puede invertir y hacer sus aportes. A lo mejor usted esta pensando hacer de alguna obra para ayudar o hacer algo, bien esta iglesia es una gran oportunidad para hacerlo.

c. También puede visitar el lugar y ofrecer ayuda al pastor Luis Feliz con mano de obra y otros recursos que estén a su disposición. Si usted sabe acerca de construcción o simplemente desea ayudar haciendo algo de trabajo, le animo a visitar la iglesia en Lumberton y encontrará alguna necesidad que usted puede llenar.

Front of the Church

Left side of the Church

Right side of the Church

What Starts as a Dream

The Rev. and Mrs. Luis Feliz were born in the Dominican Republic, but for a very long time they have been living in the U.S. Pastor Feliz was saved by the Lord in 1958 in the country of his birth and was called by God to the ministry in 1991.

They have served the Lord by planting two churches in the state of Rhode Island. After these projects were finished, they came to North Carolina in 2003 to the city of Lumberton, in which they started one other Hispanic church.

They started the meetings in 2004 at the mechanic's shop of Rev. Feliz in St. Paul, and then six months later they moved the church to a local building rented in the downtown of Lumberton. They celebrated their services in the same location until January 2007. In February 2007 they moved to the First Pentecostal Holiness Church's building, and Pastor Tim Bowen helped them to have their meetings in his church until today. Thanks to the Anglo church and Pastor Tim Bowen, the Hispanic church continued their journey of growing and development until today. There have been many miracles that started as a dream in the heart of Pastors Luis and Leotilde Feliz.

They started to pray and looked for about four and half years for a building to continue with the vision of the Hispanic church, but it was very hard to find a church building. One day Rev. Luis found an old building that belonged to the Methodist Church and had not been used for a long time. They started to pray for the building and started looking for the owners. It was very difficult to find the owners, but finally they found the people and the offices of the Methodist church in Raleigh. After finding them, they started to speak with them to get them to sell the property. After much praying and talking, the owners desired to sell the property. Like I said, this was after much prayer, a long process, contacts, and negotiations.

Through a loan from the Church Extension Loan Fund of the Conference, they bought the property, but they also had to wait until something related to a street that was supposed to pass right in front of the church was clarified. After much work with this situation, the property was released in the zoning plan of the city. The Lord extended His hand, and the whole part of the land of the church was given to it. We praise God because this past May 7 we were at the office of the lawyer signing the papers to purchase the property, and today the Hispanic church New Rebirth owns the church building and can continue with the vision God has given them.

What started as a dream in the hearts of Pastors Luis and Leotilde Feliz is reality today. One more time we want to exalt the faithfulness of God because of His love and mercy. We also want to recognize the persistence, faith, and certainty of the pastors Feliz that they would obtain the church building in the city of Lumberton.

As I said before, the building is an old construction, and it needs a lot of renovations and repairmen. As you see from the pictures, their challenges in order to make this church look good to the glory of God are many. I share this information with you so you will realize one more time that God is faithful; He is listening to prayer; He supports the vision He has given to his servants, and He provides for His work to be done. But also I share this information with you to ask for your consideration and participation in this great Hispanic church in Lumberton in the following ways:

a. Pray for strength for our brethren; in this way they will be able to accomplish and finish all the projects of renovations to the building.

b. I also want you to know this a great project where you can invest and do something to support them. Maybe you are thinking about a project where you want to invest your sources. This church is a good place where you can put your effort.

c. You also can visit the place and help them in the construction. If you have any skills in construction or can spend some time to help with the renovations, I encourage you to do it. Visit the church in Lumberton, and you will find a need and a place to do something great for the kingdom of God.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Mrs. Nora T. Fulcher

Went to heaven on Feb. 22, '08.

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Mrs. Blanche S. Pollard

The Queen of Sheba said of Solomon's reign, "The half was not told me." Even so, Blanche Pollard has had such a full and fruitful life serving God and others that it would take a book to tell her story. She is a PK who was saved at age 13, but really became serious about serving God following her high school graduation. It was a revival at the Oak Street Church (now The First Church) in Goldsboro that changed her life and set her on a spiritual course that continues until this day. She enrolled at Holmes Bible College, graduated in 1952, and continued her ministry preparation by taking advantage of the TEE classes offered through Emmanuel College. In 1954 she became the first full-time secretary of the NC Conference under Superintendent W. Eddie Morris. There, in Goldsboro and Falcon, Blanche got to know us, and we got to know her. For nine years she worked closely with our conference programs, its superintendent and boards, and became the familiar voice that answered the conference phone.

In 1963, Blanche had a big career change. She married Mr. John Pollard, a widower and layman who attended the Holly Hill Church in Vanceboro. Upon their marriage, Blanche instantly became a wife and stepmother of a 12-year-old son, Ronnie.

Her marriage and move to Vanceboro afforded her the opportunity to pastor the **Friendship Church** in Aurora on two different assignments, and the **Goose Creek Church** near Grantsboro for a short while. ***She pastored a total of 17 years*** before her retirement in 1994.

Following her husband's death in 1996, Blanche decided to return to her childhood roots in Mount Olive, NC. Here she has family, many friends, and the Thunder Swamp Church, where she first gave her heart to the Lord many years before.

Blanche can look back on a life well lived for the cause of Christ. She has served on various boards (Lifeliners, Christian Education, Women's Ministries, Retired Ministers) and presently serves with Mrs. Betty Thompson on the Archives Board of our conference.

Today, Blanche is busy, working faithfully in the Thunder Swamp Church. She headed up the 100th anniversary celebration activities of the church, which is no small venture. She teaches an adult Sunday school class that is unafraid to deal with the challenging issues of our day, and preaches when called upon. Blanche lives in her own home in Mt. Olive. Her health is good, and she is grateful for God's blessings in her life.

CLINTON FIRST CELEBRATES

RETIRED MINISTERS' DAY

(L-R) Joyce & Marvin Whitfield, Jean & Wiley Clark, Ralph & Eloise Jernigan

Under the thoughtful direction of Pastor Dwight Dunning, the Clinton First PH Church planned for several weeks to express their special appreciation to their three retired ministers and their spouses who worship with them on a regular basis – **Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Jernigan**, **Rev. & Mrs. Marvin Whitfield**, and **Rev. Mrs. Joyce Carter**. *(Mrs. Carter was not able to attend.)* They scheduled the service for April 6 and invited the conference director of Retired Ministers and his wife, Wiley & Jean Clark, as guest speaker for the occasion. Rev. Clark was prepared to speak briefly about each of them, mentioning their work and service to God over the years and then bring the morning message. It was very evident that the congregation felt extreme gratitude and a sense of pride in having these ministers to worship and work among them. Following the service, the church honored their retired ministers and their families with a steak dinner. It was a delightful day!

ANOTHER RETIRED MINISTERS' RETREAT IS HISTORY – **IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST!**

To any of our retired ministers who were not able to attend the **2008 Retired Ministers' Retreat**, you missed one of the best yet! From the beginning you could sense the Lord's presence. Our special speaker, **Rev. Doyle G. Marley**, from the Cornerstone Conference, did some excellent preaching. The devotional speakers could not have done better, and the workshops were very informative and helpful to all. We had two great nights of special music by the **Capital Church Trio** and the **Northwood Temple Praise Team**. In their own unique musical styles, they brought praise to God and blessings to the people! As always, **Rev. Roland** and **Phyllis Harrell** led our music and sang beautifully.

The Retired Ministers Board had concerns that, due to the high cost of fuel, our attendance would be off. That proved not so, as our attendance was just a fraction less than in previous years. It was said by several that the retreat was, for them, one of their favorite activities of the year. The fellowship, food, good music, great preaching, and delicious ice cream made for a great time together!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Operation **D.O.** (**D**estiny Now **O**utreach)
Mount Carmel PH Church—Fayetteville, NC

Some of Jesus' last words of instruction to His followers were, "Go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). The action word "GO" is usually associated with the Great Commission. However, there is another similar action word associated with a comparably familiar passage, and that word is "DO." In the "Golden Rule" from Matthew 7:12 we are told to "do" for others what we would have others to do for us. From these two calls to action the outreach ministries of Mount Carmel Church receive our motivation and purpose.

Out of a desire to "DO" for our community what someone else had done for us, Mount Carmel began to share the generosity of Jesus with our friends and neighbors. In 2005 we hosted a community "care fair" on our church campus with free carnival rides, food, games, and giveaways. To our delight, members of our church and community came by the thousands. This one-time event led us to seek for a way we could minister and DO for our neighborhoods near the church campus on a weekly basis. In 2006, Dr. Ronald Carpenter Sr. offered us a chance to visit Metro Ministries in New York City. After being exposed to "Sidewalk Sunday School," I knew that it was the ministry we needed in Massey Hill (Fayetteville).

In February 2007, Pastor Stacy Hilliard, conference African-American coordinator and pastor of Breakthrough Revival Center, and his outreach team assisted us in visiting some of the more urban neighborhoods in our community. From there, God began to do miracles in and through Mount Carmel Church in the area of multicultural evangelism and outreach. We started our first Sidewalk Sunday School site in May 2007, and by July we had three "block parties" happening each and every weekend in areas within a half-mile radius of the church facility. We bought a couple of buses and began to pick these kids up for our Big House children's ministry, which happens every Sunday morning at 9:00 and 11:00. Big House is a cutting-edge worship ministry for children ages 3 to 12 and has grown from 50 to over 150 in attendance on Sunday mornings.

During the year, while our three block parties were going on, our weekend attendance average grew past 500. In December, we postponed the block parties until spring due to the cold. In the first three months of 2008, even without the block parties, our weekend services averaged over 550, illustrating the truth of Ephesians 6:8, which assures us that the good we DO for others God will DO for us.

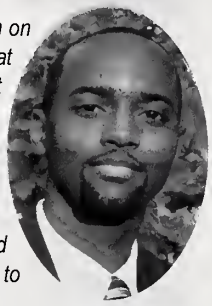
This month, we will begin site preparations and construction on a new 33,000-square-ft. multipurpose facility. We have been holding multiple services on Sunday mornings for the past three years, and we are in desperate need for more classrooms, a larger worship area, and up-to-date, state-of-the art audiovisual and television production equipment. This new building will provide for us a large foyer area with a coffeeshop, a large bookstore, a more than 1,800-seat worship area with balcony, a tv production studio, additional training classrooms, and a 100-seat choir loft. Our vision is simple: "*to become a place of power and healing, a people who proclaim help and hope, void of pride and prejudice, united in our gifts and faith. A force for God whose ministries and influence reach around the world and around the corner by implementing fresh methods to spread the fundamental message of Jesus Christ our Lord until He comes!*"

Rev. Wiley Hughes, Pastor
Mount Carmel PH Church—Fayetteville, NC

On April 17-19, 2008, 79 people from North and South Carolina converged in Falcon, NC, for City Quest 2008. This was a significant training event for our conference as we seek to become a "church planting" movement. Over 30 church planters were present, and a diversity of ethnicities was represented. We are already hearing great things as a result of this powerful event. The following is just one testimonial from one of our attendees:

I am Rev. Clarence Gray, Jr., pastor of Word of Faith Church Ministries, and I attended the 2008 City Quest training held in Falcon, NC. I attended every session, and I must say I was tremendously blessed by all of the awesome speakers. I spent the night to make sure I didn't miss anything. Dr. Ron Carpenter Sr. started it off talking about the importance and the power of having a vision for your church. My God, I almost forgot it was supposed to be a classroom setting. My spirit was so stirred, and the presence of the Lord was so strong it didn't feel like a class, but it felt like we were having church! I was so moved I will never look at the way he caused me to see the benefit of having a vision ever the same again—not only having a vision, but even the way we as pastors communicate that vision to our church. Powerful and excellent job, Dr. Carpenter!

I birthed and pastor a church which has just turned three years old, and truly I have never been in a setting with such training and inspiration on church planting as I have experienced at the City Quest Training. Bro. Rick Fountain brought to the table sound, solid, foundational material that every beginning pastor needs to have knowledge of in starting a church. The material was very helpful and such a blessing that my only regret was that I didn't get this training before I planted my first and current church. The material and information truly give beginning pastors and pastors who already have a church established a chance to have a really good start because no matter where you are in your ministry, you can begin again. Our church plant may be three years old, but after the City Quest Training, I am taking this information back to my local church, and I am going to begin again.



Rev. Clarence Gray, Jr.

Bro. Macon Wilson brought to the table the spirit of unity and the diversity so needed in the body of Christ. As he shared his experiences, he pulled an eye-opener of how much we need each other regardless of race, age, creed, or background when it comes down to Kingdom building. Then, to top it off, we broke bread together, my God, my God. As I looked across the room from one end of the wall to the other at the mighty army of my brothers and sisters, I thought, "This is so powerful, to be in the midst of life changers!" Thank you, City Quest! I will never be the same!

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And don't forget...the GLOBAL OUTREACH CELEBRATION is **Sunday, August 10th, 5:00pm** in the Campmeeting Auditorium. WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!!

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

The Importance of Discipleship

by Mark Fields, Senior Pastor of Benson PHC and CEM Board Member

One weekend, three young fellows decided to take a bicycle trip into the countryside. Although inexperienced, they covered 40 miles in three and a half hours and congratulated themselves on their good time. The next morning, as they prepared to head back to their starting point, they were met by a good friend who had just cycled the 40-mile trip that morning and was ready to head back. He was an excellent cyclist, and with him pacing the young cyclists back to town, they made the return trip in just two and a half hours.

As we fulfill our purpose as the Church, we are going to be blessed with new converts, and if these new Christians are going to reach their ministry potential, they will need the help of older Christians to pace them along. The older Christians have already traveled the road, and they know where the curves, hills, and valleys are; they know what it takes to reach the destination.

A wonderful illustration of discipleship is found in Acts 18:24-28. When Apollos arrived at Ephesus, Aquila and Priscilla took him under their wings and equipped him for ministry. Three things took place in the discipleship process: They discovered, developed, and deployed his talent.

A. They DISCOVERED his TALENT.

Apollos came to Ephesus and went into the synagogue and began to speak. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they knew he was very gifted; they recognized he had potential. The Bible describes him as being an eloquent man, mighty in the scripture and fervent in the spirit.

B. They DEVELOPED his TALENT.

When they heard him speak, they knew he had talent. They knew he would be a great preacher, but they perceived that his message was incomplete. The Bible tells us that he was only acquainted with the baptism of John. Aquila and Priscilla took Apollos and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

C. They DEPLOYED his TALENT.

Apollos had a desire to go preach in Achaia. Aquila and Priscilla released him for ministry. They wrote letters to the brothers in Achaia and encouraged them to make Apollos welcome. When he arrived, he was a great blessing to the Jewish brothers. He encouraged and strengthened them with his message. He had public debates with the Jews and convinced them with the scripture that Jesus was the Messiah they were looking for. Apollos combined his natural gifts with his formal training and used them for the glory of God.

Although Apollos was a very gifted man, he would have never reached his ministry potential without the help of Aquila and Priscilla. Discipleship is one of the five purposes of the church. Moody once said, "It is better to train 10 people than to do the work of 10 people. But it is harder." I challenge you to ask yourselves: Are we fulfilling our purpose to discover, develop, and deploy the talents of those in our churches?

Congratulations to ALL of our 2008 Teen Talent Quest Winners!

1.1 Alpha – Female Vocal Solo	Carla Chapel	Whitley
1.1 Omega – Female Vocal Solo	Jennifer Walker	Mt. Carmel
1.2 Alpha – Male Vocal Solo	Jordan Anburn	Graham Memorial
1.2 Omega – Male Vocal Solo	Christopher Jackson	Mt. Carmel
2.1 Alpha - Vocal/Instrumental Indiv.	Kelly Jackson	Mt. Carmel
2.1 Omega – Vocal/Instrumental Indiv.	Katie Tyndall	Peniel
2.2 Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble	Gage Haveri & Kevin Gardner	Whitley
3.1 Vocal Ensemble – Duets, Trios, Q'tets	Servants 4 Christ Duet	Mt. Carmel
3.3 Vocal Ensemble – 13 or more	Servants 4 Christ Choir	Mt. Carmel
4.1 Alpha - Instrumental Solo, Wind	Greyson Marriner	The Capital
4.1 Omega – Instrumental Solo, Wind	Katie Tyndall	Peniel
4.2 Omega – Instrumental Solo, Strings	Joshua Faircloth	Stedman
4.3 Alpha – Instrumental Solo, Strings	Beck Thomas	Gospel Tabernacle
4.5 Alpha – Instrumental Solo, Drums	Stone Carter	Mt. Carmel
4.5 Omega – Instrumental Solo, Drums	DJ Dixon	Graham Memorial
4.6 Alpha – Instrumental Solo, Piano	Teresa Eason	Oak Ridge
4.6 Omega – Instrumental Solo, Piano	David Carter	Mt. Carmel
5.1 Instrumental Ensemble	DJ Dixon & Jonathan Smith	Graham Memorial
10.1 Alpha – Rap Solo	Reid Clark	Grace Harbor
10.1 Omega – Rap Solo	Gage Haveri	Whitley

For a full listing of Junior & Teen participants and winners, please see our website at www.nccem.net!

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SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 3rd
6:00 PM — Praise and Worship, Rev. Billy Wilson

Monday, August 4th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Dwight Dunning *
9:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:30 PM — Choir Practice
6:30 PM — Rev. Terry Tramel
7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 5th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Joel Pava *
9:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:30 PM — Choir Practice
6:30 PM — Rev. Terry Tramel
7:30 PM

Wednesday, August 6th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Wilda Faircloth *
9:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:30 PM — Choir Practice
6:30 PM — Rev. Terry Tramel
7:30 PM

Thursday, August 7th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Vince Arnold *
9:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Retired Ministers Luncheon
12:30 PM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:30 PM — Choir Practice
6:30 PM — Rev. Joaquin Mercado
7:30 PM

Friday, August 8th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Mark Fields *
9:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:30 PM — Choir Practice
6:30 PM — Rev. Stacy Hilliard
7:30 PM

Saturday, August 9th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
8:30 AM — Prayer Meeting *, Rev. Marvin Smith *
9:30 AM — Ministers Wives Fellowship *(Culbreth Fellowship Hall)*
10:30 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
11:00 AM — Lunch
12:30 PM — Dinner
5:00 PM — Youth Emphasis, Director: Rev. Jon Oliver, Message: Rev. Brian Rogers
6:00 PM

Sunday, August 10th
7:45 AM — Breakfast
9:30 AM — Rev. Paul Evans*
11:00 AM — Rev. Frank Tunstall
12:30 PM — Lunch
5:00 PM — Global Outreach Celebration, Director: Rev. Danny Nelson, Message: Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Please Note: All services noted by an asterisk (*) will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle. ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE JULIUS A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

SUMMER IS CAMP MEETING TIME

One of the summer blessings for a Pentecostal Christian is camp meeting time. Betty and I enjoy the camp meeting atmosphere. We plan and expect to attend several this summer.

Falcon Camp Meeting is one of the oldest continuing Holiness/Pentecostal camp meetings in the U.S.A. It began in 1900 through the efforts of the Falcon layman Julius A. Culbreth as a series of meetings to celebrate the healing of Culbreth's wife, Venie, from acute appendicitis. The purpose in the beginning was to spread the new doctrines of sanctification and holiness. The camp meeting became Pentecostal in 1907.

Falcon Camp Meeting began as an interdenominational camp meeting under private management, led by Chairman J. A. Culbreth until 1943. At that time it was turned over to the North Carolina Conference Board of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Many conferences now only have two or three nights of camp meeting. The Falcon Camp Meeting still runs eight days. The services this year begin on Sunday night, August 3, and continue through Sunday night, August 10.

The list of speakers may be found in this edition of Evangel. Services are daily in the mornings and evenings. Rooms and meals are available on campus.

The Piney Grove Camp Meeting will be held at the Tabernacle located across the road from the Hodges Chapel Church near Chocowinity, North Carolina. This camp meeting began in 1909 through the efforts of Reverend A. H. Butler, who was also the head of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in North Carolina at that time. This was the year the conference went officially Pentecostal. This camp meeting will be 100 years old this year. It is managed by the Hodges Chapel Church Board, chaired by the North Carolina Conference superintendent, and supported by those who attend.

The services this year begin on Sunday morning, August 17, and conclude on Sunday night, August 24. The Sunday morning services will be held in the Hodges Chapel Church. All the evening services will be held in the camp meeting tabernacle.

This year the speakers are Pastor Roger Leggett and Presiding Bishop James Leggett. The camp meeting should be a glorious time of praise, preaching, singing and intercession.

Betty and I plan to be at all the services of the Falcon and Piney Grove Camp Meetings, Lord willing. In addition, we plan to attend several services of each of the following camp meetings.

PIEDMONT CAMP MEETING

This is one of the oldest camp meetings in Virginia. It is patterned much like our Piney Grove. It is somewhat supervised by the Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church, but it does have its own association and board. There are cabins and an air-conditioned dining hall. The tabernacle is an open building next to a mountain stream. The campground is in the woods near Shawsville, Virginia. The music director is Jerry Stone, brother of our own Jay Stone. The speakers this year are Reverend Richard Kingrea, July 18 through July 21, youth night on July 22, and Reverend Roland Harrell, July 23 through July 27. Betty and I hope to be there a couple of nights to support Brother Harrell.

CHURCH OF GOD

The Church of God of Eastern North Carolina had their annual camp meeting on Monday, June 8, through Friday, June 13. The services were held nightly at their campground near Kenly, North Carolina. Bishop Dwight Spivey announced the following speakers: Monday – Reverend Raymond Culpepper, Tuesday – Reverend William Wilson, Wednesday – Reverend Joycelyn Barnett, Thursday – Reverend Jimmy Jones, and Friday – Reverend Tony Cooper. (Betty and I normally try to be there at least one night.)

PENTECOSTAL FREEWILL BAPTIST

Reverend Preston Heath announces that Reverend Bob Ely will be the evening speaker for their camp meeting this year. The dates are Sunday, July 27, through Sunday, August 3. There will be some services during the week during the daylight hours. On Wednesday and Thursday they will enjoy their annual conference. The services are held in their tabernacle on the campus of Heritage Bible College. Brother Ely is a phenomenal speaker. I hope to hear him several nights, and I will be attending one day of their annual conference. Brother Ely is one of ours – the President of Southwestern Christian University in Bethany, Oklahoma.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

My friend Bishop Steve Gilmer announces that their annual camp meeting normally held in High Point, North Carolina, will be pre-empted by their International General Assembly. That event will be held at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tennessee, August 12 through August 17.

I do hope all our people will take advantage of these camp meetings, especially our own, Falcon and Piney Grove. This year the budget for Falcon Camp Meeting will be $35,000. Much is invested in the camp meeting. We expect a move of the Lord. It is a family camp meeting. Classes will be held in the mornings to benefit all our clergy (and others). Bishop Frank Tunstall will be teaching from his new book – *Our Awesome Lord*. Rooms and meals, both at a modest cost, will be available on campus. Come; you will never be the same.

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Melvin Elbert Narron

September 26, 1927 – May 14, 2008

Reverend Narron was born on September 26, 1927, in Johnston County, North Carolina, to the late Langly Narron and Mollie Fields Narron. He attended Holmes Bible College and Theological Seminary and later attended Carter College, where he received his bachelor of arts and his master's degrees. Carter College also bestowed an honorary doctor of divinity degree on Reverend Narron. He retired after serving for 37 years as a minister with the Pentecostal Holiness denomination. He served as pastor for the following Pentecostal Holiness churches: Black Creek, Manley Grove, Vaughan's Chapel, Mount Olive, Whitley, and Kenly for 17 years, and he retired at Brock's Chapel. Reverend Narron was a member of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He taught for seven years at William Carter Bible College in Goldsboro.

Reverend Narron is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret Lancaster Narron; his sons, Reverend Todd Narron and wife, Sharon, of Wallace and Howard Narron and wife, Lisa, of Columbus, Georgia; his sister, Marie Goff and husband, Marion, of Wilson; and his grandchildren, Ashley Narron and fiancé, Robert Jones, Lucien Narron, Brandon Lewis, and Drake Mailhot.

Brother Narron's celebration service was held on Sunday, May 18, at 3:00 p.m. at The First Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Pastor Jimmy Whitfield, Associate Pastor Billy Rose, and Bishop Chris Thompson spoke at the service. Special music was furnished by The First Church choir. Interment was in the Kenly Cemetery.

Pastor Melvin Narron loved his Lord, his family, and the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He served faithfully and with great respect. He was one of the first pastors I knew as a boy. I remember the way people talked about him with awe and respect. He always carried himself well as a man of God.

My brother, you will be missed! Thank you for showing us the way. "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And shall they preach except they be sent?" Lord! Call more preachers like Melvin Narron.

—D. Chris Thompson
Bishop, North Carolina Conference of the IPHC

Deborah's Daughters Regional Training and Fellowship Meeting

All lady clergy or those in the credentialing process are invited to attend the Deborah's Daughters Regional Training and Fellowship Meeting. The training will be offered in two locations, with the same program presented at both meetings. You choose which one is more convenient for you: Friday, October 24, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the Belfast Pentecostal Holiness Church, Goldsboro, NC, or Saturday, October 25, 2008, 9:30 a.m. at the Octagon Tabernacle, Falcon, NC.

Our theme will be "Do What Matters." The workshop facilitator will be Rev. Louise Thompson, secretary of Deborah's Daughters, North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. A special time of refreshments and fellowship will be included. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with other lady clergy. Please bring your spouse or traveling companion with you. We look forward to seeing you there! A brochure is forthcoming.

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Rev. John Slye

Liberty Church chose to recognize retired minister Rev. John Slye by building him a ramp for his motorized chair. Three members of the congregation, Melton Underhill, Rudolph Horne, and Bob Arnold, built the ramp. Pastor Berry House and the congregation blessed Rev. Slye and Sister Della with a love offering and ice cream social in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary and their birthdays, which are in June. Brother John and Sister Della attend church faithfully and are an inspiration to everyone.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

July/August 2008

Rev. Edna Parker	July 1
Louise Thompson	July 2
Rev. Sherrill Pope	July 4
Rev. Reuben Batchelor	July 6
Rev. M. R. Britton	July 7
Rev. Conrad Hall	July 19
Rev. Betty Dowdy	July 21
Rev. Ezra Fann	July 21
Rev. Jesse Parson	July 27
Rev. Kenneth Tart	August 4
Rev. W. H. Tyson	August 4
Rev. Edsel Hooks	August 9
Rev. J. H. Norton	August 18
Rev. Margaret Horrell	August 19
Rev. T. H. Godwin	August 20
Rev. H. P. Woodard	August 22
Rev. Joe Arthur	August 26
Rev. W. V. Denning	August 26
Rev. Reuben Mosley	August 31

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The Courage to Be Protestant: Truth-Lovers, Marketers, and Emergents in the Postmodern World

by David F. Wells. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 253 pages

Since many throughout Christendom today believe that the word *evangelical* has outlived its usefulness, having mustered the ecclesiastical courage, someone needs to find a hammer and a large nail to make a bold proclamation that salvation by works blinds the eyes and damns the soul, in turn preventing the universal Christian from finding the real Christ and reaching the portals of heaven. When Christ returns, shall He find faith? Prior to His coming, shall any true Protestants or Evangelicals exist?

Changing times have so impacted the postmodern church that it seems the church changes almost as rapidly as the times. Herein lies the danger. Attempting to become all things to all people deludes the biblically ordained methods of reaching the lost. Jesus Christ never catered to the customer by sleekly fashioning His gospel, never yielded one inch of theological ground on faith and works, and never once gave truth that was untrue. Mary bowed before Christ in holy worship and never once required anyone to bow before her. Her virgin womb gave her opportunity to become the blessed mother of Jesus, but it could never purchase for her the status of deity or semi-deity. Those who claim to be followers of Christ must follow Him on His terms, not theirs. No one has a right to change divine revelation or the meaning of divine revelation; likewise, no one has a right to redefine Christ, His Church, or the consummation in ways that clearly contradict God's Word.

David F. Wells, the Andrew Mutch Distinguished Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, declared "there should be threads of continuity that bind real Christian believing in all ages. It is some of those threads, I believe, that are now being lost. I do not know what the evangelical future will be, but I am certain evangelicalism has no good future unless it finds this kind of direction again." In other words, if the church loses its roots in classical apostolic Christianity, the church at large will no longer be able to hold together and accomplish her true mission. A house divided against itself cannot stand.

The heart of the message of *The Courage to be Protestant*, according to Wells, is that "it takes no courage to sign up as a Protestant. After all, millions have done so throughout the West. They are not in any peril. To live by the truths of historic Protestantism, however, is an entirely different matter. That takes courage in today's context." Historic Protestantism, the kind that John Huss, William Tyndale, John Wycliffe, Martin Luther, John Calvin, and John Wesley would easily recognize, could be slipping through the fingers of those who have been called upon to defend it. Historic Protestantism is no longer welcome in some evangelical circles because it is too restrictive and does not slide down as well as Christianity Lite. Some contend that if the church gives the people what they want, they will come, but what are they coming to?

The seven main divisions of the book are (1) The Lay of the Evangelical Land, (2) Christianity for Sale, (3) Truth, (4) God, (5) Self, (6) Christ, and (7) Church. Wells asks if the church falls like Humpty Dumpty, will we ever be able to put it back together again? The drastic changes in the way we handle truth and the way we do church should be thoroughly examined, evaluated, and exchanged for the real, historic, sacred truth and the Church that Jesus Christ died for.

The three main categories of postmodern Christians—(1) Truth Lovers, (2) Marketers, and (3) the Emergent Church—seem to characterize much of the church around the world. Marketers promote Christianity for sale. Wells states, "Marketers offer sales pitches, marketed faith, the gospel as commodity, people as customers, God as just a prop to my inner life, the glitz and sizzle, Disneyland on the loose in our churches—all of it skin deep and often downright wrong." The Emerging Church denies the ability to discover truth. These uncertainties about the very possibility of truth question the biblical absolutes and have plunged much of the younger generation into postmodern relativism, giving way to the notion that all religions are credible and deserve to be tolerated and even embraced. Emerging Christians contend that historic faith needs to be "de-reconstructed for postmoderns so that the baggage of enduring truth can be dropped." Some are willing to accept that the sacraments may substitute for the biblical gospel and that "Christ's work on the cross was incomplete, and remains so until we ourselves produce that completion."

If the church yields to these views, then they leave the church as autonomous, freeing believers from restraints and shaping the church in their own way so as to accomplish their own goals. Orthodoxy is out, and anything resembling "traditional" or "churchy" is evaluated as unacceptable. But if the world without truth is an empty and dangerous place, what does that say about a church without truth?

The Apostle Paul taught that churches have a God-given responsibility to guard and preserve Apostolic Christianity. The Bible does not "adapt" its truth to the sinner or to the church for that matter. The sinner must "adapt" to the Bible to be saved; likewise the church must "adapt" to the Scriptures. Historic Protestants treasured God's Word and lived within it. Today, many Christians think the Word gets in the way of the church's success and hinders growth. As Wells contends, "They were right and we are wrong."

How then shall we live? Wake up and become very aware of the spiritual peril before us. Ask the Lord for a righteous burden for truth and return to classical faith once delivered to the saints. Affirm *sola Scriptura*, not *sola cultura*, and that salvation is in "Christ alone," not the "Church alone." Cut out theological corruption whenever possible. Cleave to that which is good. Wells admonishes, "Let us not mince words. If we could see more clearly God in the full blaze of his burning purity, we would not be on easy terms with all the sins that now infect our souls and breed easy compromises with the spirit of the postmodern age. This is what leads to the casual ways in which we live our lives with their blatantly wrong priorities."

We owe David F. Wells a great debt for his insight and sharing his views on the external influences upon the church of today. Any serious minister of Jesus Christ will want to purchase this book and read it again and again. Yes, bearing the name of Jesus Christ is serious business, and those who do should depart from iniquity.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

(Psalm 37:4)

Dear Women of God,

It's official: it's summer, and it's hot! For the NCWM, July marks the beginning of a new year for Women's Ministries. Janice, Margie, Terry Ann, Darnell, and I would like to thank you for the confidence you have given us to lead the North Carolina Conference Women's Ministries.

You have blessed us. You continue to support Women's Ministries with your gifts to our schools and to missions around the world and in your local communities. We appreciate the invitations to be a part of your WM Day observances, Sharing Sisters activities, district rallies, and local meetings. The list goes on...

I read this sign the other day: "Life is a gift we're given each and every day. Dream about tomorrow, but live for today. To live a little, you've got to love a lot. Love turns the ordinary into the extraordinary."

As we look toward the future of Women's Ministries, our prayer is that you will see others as God sees you and that you will continue to be His hands extended to meet the needs of those around you.

Small steps with great love make a difference. Remember, together we are making a difference! Have a wonderful summer.

In His amazing love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI....

- To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag where the potatoes are stored.
- To prevent eggs from cracking, add a pinch of salt to the water before hard-boiling.
- To water hanging plants—getting a watering can up high can be tricky. To simplify the task, drop six ice cubes on the surface of the soil daily. Because the ice melts slowly, the dirt has time to absorb the moisture as needed without the risk of messy overflow.
- To untangle a knotted necklace, place a drop of baby or cooking oil on the knot; then use a pin to untangle.

Eastside Women's Ministries Celebrate Founders Day

Mrs. Margaret Smith
Eastside WM
"Woman of the Year"

At Eastside PH Church in Sanford, NC, each year the Women's Ministries group votes to select a lady to be "Woman of the Year." The recipient is someone who has gone out of her way to do whatever needs to be done over the years to meet the needs of her family, friends, and community. The family of this lady is secretly invited to attend the program and crowning of the chosen lady.

This year Sister Margaret Smith was selected. Margaret has 7 children, 33 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Four of the children and several of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren were able to be present. There was also a telephone call from her oldest daughter, who lives in Alaska and hasn't been home for seven years. Her children told why they felt their mother had been "woman of the year" all their lives. Then Margaret's youngest daughter and her husband presented Margaret with a round trip ticket to Alaska to spend Mother's Day with her daughter. What a wonderful surprise!

The program ended with a spiritual and emotionally filled congregation.

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Why Me?

I have asked myself many times, "Why me?" Why has Jesus called me to do what I'm doing? When I search His Word, I can see time and again why He chose me to be what I am today. It is His Will.

You see, we are **all** called by Him. But it is up to us if we **answer** His call.

Can you imagine what Peter must have felt when Jesus said, "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men"? Peter knew that Jesus was the "real deal" because he witnessed the miraculous. You know, Peter made many mistakes as he followed Jesus, but he never quit following.

And how about Paul? He was so off base in his "religion" that he had people destroyed because they believed in Jesus. But then Jesus called him. What Paul felt and experienced on the road to Damascus was a miracle he never got over.

I could go on and on about different people in the Bible that Jesus called, and they listened. But the important question right now is, "What has Jesus called **you** to do in **your** life for Him?"

You may think He hasn't called you, but I **know** He has. You see, our main goal as Christians is to reach the lost. That is a job Jesus has assigned for all of His children to do. In Matthew 28, we find the great commission: *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel and I will be with you until the end."*

While not everyone is called to do the same kind of ministry, we are called to proclaim salvation. To figure out our personal calling, we need to open the Bible and begin to seek Him through His Word.

Did you know that at the very beginning of His Word, He explains how man came to be? We were first created in His image, and then formed out of the dust. It is important that we understand God made us from dust and not dirt.

You see, you can get rid of dirt but not dust! Think about it: you can dust your house from one end to the other, but in no time, the dust has settled right back down.

No matter how hard the world tries to wipe away the "dust" of Christianity that convicts its heart, we will be here till Jesus comes. We will be answering the call from Jesus to tell the world about Him.

We can't ignore the fact that there are people dying every day and going to hell. Is it because someone chose not to follow Jesus and tell them about Him? Heaven forbid!

Jesus has called me to be a leader of men and to tell others about Him. What has He called **you** to do? Make it your business to be sure you are answering His call. You don't want someone to miss heaven because Jesus wanted you to be his messenger and you failed to answer the call.

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Caution! Slow down! Stop! Take hold of God!

While driving your vehicle, you see many signs that instruct you to pause, take a break in proceeding, or slow down and catch a breath. I believe it helps you many times to take a quick, much-needed break from the rush of everyday living. God's plan of a lifestyle of prayer is designed to do the same thing and more. It helps you reflect, pause, focus, or just take a quick break from the life you and I live on this earth. God has given us clear instruction of the need to pray. Prayer is a time off, a break, a privilege, and a command.

In your everyday life, your driving time has become a daily need in order to reach your specific destination and purpose. Likewise, prayer is a much-needed weapon in the life of a believer.

If you are going to reach your destination and full purpose in life, prayer is one of the keys that will help you to get there. Driving can sometimes be relaxing as well as tedious. On the other hand, prayer refreshes, strengthens, encourages, and challenges us to a better way of life. As driving becomes a daily habit, a routine, we become more careless in obeying the traffic rules of caution, slow down, and stop. As believers, we find this occurs in our spiritual walk with God. Failing to stop and pray, slow down, focus, proceed with caution, and obey God's Word is the cause of failure to find our destination and purpose.

Living a Christian life while being driven by the world, not driven or led by the Holy Spirit, is a dangerous thing. Our earthly vehicle, which is our body, soul, and spirit, must be driven by godly instructions and times of slowing down, stopping, and recognizing our need for God. Driving or continuing to pursue any vehicle without stopping, slowing down, or exercising caution will cause failure, breaking down, or a crash.

Driving our God-given vehicle the right way is a must.

You and I need to recognize intentionally that we are in a battle while living in this world, a battle against the destiny, plan, and purpose of God. We must stand and fight with our God-given weapons of warfare or the Christian arsenal. Activating our spiritual authority will prevent a breakdown or crash in our spiritual life.

Listed below are some weapons of warfare that need to be activated in a Christian's life in order to drive his or her God-given vehicle here on earth.

WEAPONS OF WARFARE

The Name of Jesus
The Blood of Jesus
The Prayer of Agreement
Binding and loosing
Fasting
Praise / Worship
Word and testimony
Walking by Faith
Walking in Obedience
Walking in Love
Walking in forgiveness
Giving
Intercession
Praying in Tongues
Declare, Proclaim, Decree (The Word)
Serving (In spite of difficulty)
Pray the Word
Anoint with Oil
Receive Communion (Every day)
Keep your vision, goal, calling

All of these and more are given to us by God in order to drive safely during our time here on this earth. Take time to PRAY.

NC WIN CONFERENCE

Oct. 31 to Nov. 1, 2008, at Falcon, NC

Prayer: Friday Oct. 31, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Saturday Nov.1, 2008 – Rev. Terry Fowler – iWIN Director from Oklahoma
Registration Fee: $10.00

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He's Already in Your Tomorrows!

One of my favorite new songs on the radio is "He's Already in Your Tomorrows." The second line of the song says, "He's always one step ahead," and each line afterward continues to be something uplifting to a child of God.

Is God one step ahead of us? Does He already have details of our lives worked out? I tend to believe so. God's Word gives us proof of His ever present care of every detail of our lives.

Psalm 139:1-3, 5, and 13 reads as follows: "O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. For thou hast possessed my reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."

As we live our lives day by day, we become overwhelmed at times by problems and situations over the outcome of which we seem not to have any control. God gives us many promises in His Word that should keep us on track and trusting Him, but we tend to be too human and not take every word as our own. What is the answer to our slothfulness in this area of our lives? We all want to believe God for all our needs, but we all fail at one time or another to acknowledge Him as the answer.

One of the main ways we can change our attitude about our relationship with the Lord is to change our thinking about our God. He is our Maker, our Creator, and He planned our lives out before we were even in our mother's womb. Each of us has a purpose in this world, whether called as a minister, a singer, an administrator, a deacon or deaconess, a teacher, a worker in an office, a housewife/mother, or anyone in any public job. We could be the person God has chosen to clean the church or to drive the church bus. Wherever God places us, we are to accept that as our ministry to the Lord and His people, because each of us is needed. Where would we be if no one were willing to clean the church?

Another way of changing our thinking toward God would be to think of children and how they just accept what is said and then take action. When our boys were small and an ambulance or fire engine would go by, I would tell them to pray for those people because they needed help. Nathan would always be the first to put his head down and say a silent prayer for those people.

One of the most important ways of changing our thinking toward God is to read and study His Word. God's Word will keep us when the hard times come if we will just read it. We all are busy, but God's Word and prayer will bless us every day if we just take the time.

He is in our tomorrows and in control of everything that touches our lives. Just as when you marry, your spouse will be looking out for you and trying to help you in any way possible. You can trust in a spouse's love and know that because he or she loves you, you can depend on your spouse to be there for you. God loves us that much and is proving it every day if we can just see it! He is in all that comes our way and does send "meat in due season."

Be a worshiper throughout your life by showing Him how much you thank Him for the life He has given you to live. Praise His Name!

Running the Race

The theme for our Ministers' Wives Meeting for camp meeting this year is "Running the Race." Mrs. Bobbie Hilliard, wife of Rev. Stacy Hilliard, our African-American coordinator, will be our special speaker this year. We will be meeting in the Culbreth Memorial Fellowship Hall, Saturday, August 9, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. We will conclude our program with a luncheon of all kinds of salads (with dessert, of course). Prepare to come and bring someone.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

A Simple Life

What does it mean to live a simple life? I'm sure each of us has come to the conclusion that dreams of a simple life are long gone. We live in a world that has become so complicated it tends to cause our heads to spin with all the activity we are faced with each day!

I'm sure we all have memories of a simpler and more peaceful life and would love to go back to the place we experienced those feelings. But living in this world, we can only sit and daydream and maybe try to live our lives in such a simple way that we may influence others to do the same.

There are many people we could say have lived a simple life. Brother J. A. Culbreth lived a simple life, yet he made an overwhelming difference in the Pentecostal Church world. Brother Culbreth stepped out and did some things that opened doors for the Lord to work in many areas. Who would have thought that the fact that he and Mrs. Venie were wondrously blessed in a tent meeting with Brother A. B. Crumpler would lead them to live their lives in such a way as to influence so many?

Brother G. F. Taylor was another man who lived a simple life and went on to influence many people in the Pentecostal Holiness Church through his writings, establishing of Advocate Press and Emmanuel College, and other endeavors to do all God wanted him to do even though he had a physical disability.

Many people in each of our lives led simple lives that God used to influence us. Just as when missionaries go on the mission fields to work, those who support them in prayer and finances will receive a part of their reward.

A phrase I heard recently goes like this: "Character counts above all else, and what a man is survives him!" Also, "Nothing is too simple to make a difference." Let us live our lives according to 2 Corinthians 1:12—"For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward."

Let us read God's Word and pray that we may be what He would have us be and go where He would have us go, that we might be a witness for Him.

Are Your Eyes Open?

This year at camp meeting, the Archives Department hopes to do some new things, so keep your eyes open and come to see what we do! You won't be disappointed.

Remember Our Sale Items

The Archives Department has several items for sale. We have Falcon historical afghans, and prints of the Octagon Tabernacle and the 1926 J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, with note cards of each. We also have small wooden replicas of the Octagon Tabernacle. We will have each of these for sale at the Falcon Camp Meeting in August. We also plan to have some new items for sale this year. Plan now to buy one of our afghans for someone for Christmas or as a wedding gift for the newlyweds in your church or family. The cards make a nice thank-you note or just a note to let someone know that you are thinking of them.

Items for Sale

The IPHC Archives and Research Center has CDs of the *Pentecostal Holiness Advocate*, early IPHC periodicals, and General Conference *Minutes* available for sale.

The IPHC Archives and Research Center has been working toward getting all of the major periodicals of the early years of our church put on CDs. If you are interested, I will have a handout at the Archives table during camp meeting, or you can contact them directly at the IPHC headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Until next time... May God bless!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

La Predicacion del Evangelio No Se Detiene

Hay ocasiones en la vida en que una situación de crisis parece detener todas las demás cosas. El enfoque se torna hacia el problema y las energías y recursos se dirigen a resolver esa situación, en muchos casos inesperada. Pero debemos aprender que en medio de situaciones difíciles, nuestras habilidades son probadas para llevar a cabo todas las tareas a pesar de lo que esté pasando. Tal es el caso de la predicación del evangelio, el discipulado, la formación de líderes y la plantación de iglesias. La comunidad hispana, debido en gran parte a su condición migratoria, está sufriendo y luchando para salir adelante de la crisis por la que está atravesando en estos días. Los pastores, los líderes y las congregaciones, están orando, y buscando alternativas para ayudar a bajar el impacto devastador que esta golpeando a muchas familias.

Sin embargo esa situación aunque suficientemente grande y difícil como para tomar toda nuestra atención, no nos debe detener en seguir haciendo la obra de Dios. Nuestra atención debe seguir siendo la misma o aun mayor en proclamar la Palabra de Dios, buscar oportunidades para seguir estableciendo nuevas iglesias, discipular a las personas que están viniendo a Cristo y formar líderes de entre ellos, para que sigan con el trabajo de crecimiento y desarrollo de la iglesia.

El anhelo de ver a cada hispano evangelizado, y la comunidad alcanzada con iglesias sanas y fuertes en cada condando, pueblo y ciudad, me lleva a pensar y soñar en la meta de que cada iglesia plante otra iglesia en los próximos dos años. Este será un movimiento plantador de iglesias para llenar del evangelio de Cristo nuestro estado de Carolina del Norte y otros estados. Creo como dice Danny Nelson que cada iglesia tiene el potencial de reproducirse a sí misma.

Los problemas que estamos enfrentando en estos días entre los hispanos, son alarmantes, desalentadores y pesados para sobrellevar sobre nuestros hombros, pero en medio de todo eso, vemos oportunidades de seguir expandiendo el reino de Dios en cada lugar. Es por eso que seguimos hablando de ganar más almas para Cristo y plantar nuevas iglesias. Jesús dijo que los campos están listos para la cosecha, así como lo vio Jesús en aquellos tiempos lo vemos nosotros en estos días. No vamos a dejar pasar una sola oportunidad para hacer el trabajo de Dios y hacerlo bien hecho.

Que cada iglesia plante otra iglesia dentro de los próximos dos años, es una meta que se puede lograr. Para poderla alcanzar necesitamos hacer lo siguiente:

- Observar la necesidad existente
- Creer que podemos hacer algo para llenar esa necesidad
- Decidir hacer algo para lograrlo
- Obtener una visión y dejarse impulsar por ella
- Elegir el lugar donde plantaremos la nueva iglesia
- Darle paso a la motivación y acrecentar la pasión para involucrarnos
- Elaborar una estrategia para saber cómo hacerlo
- Elaborar un plan y hacer los preparativos
- Llamar a la gente y capacitarla para hacer el trabajo
- Formar un equipo de personas que ayudarán
- Hacer un análisis del lugar para conocer que recursos existen, cuanta gente vive allí, cuáles son sus necesidades y que métodos de evangelismo usaremos para alcanzarlos.
- Planificar las finanzas del proyecto.

Juntos podemos lograr que cada hispano en este estado escuche el evangelio y tenga una oportunidad potencial para recibir a Cristo en su corazón y se convierta en un buen discípulo de Dios.

En enero a Junio de este año el Señor nos ha permitido empezar 9 iglesias nuevas:

Wilson/Tomas Serrano
Greenville/Idelfonso Vargas
Raleigh/Elvin Beltre
Raeford/José Amador
Suttontown/Mario Leon
Salemburg/Euziel Gonzáles
New Bern/Marta Bedoya
Nashville/Rodolfo Olivo
Jacksonville/Idelfonso Vargas

Algunas de las ciudades para la plantación de nuevas iglesias son: Southern Pines, Washington, Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Henderson, Monroe, Wake Forest, Sims, Vanceboro. Tenemos en la lista muchas otras ciudades proyectadas para nuevas iglesias.

Como puede usted involucrarse?

1. Orando por nuevos plantadores de iglesias, lugares abiertos y recursos. También por la unión de la iglesia para que juntos

podamos hacer el trabajo de Dios.
2. Evangelizando a los que no conocen al Señor en cualquier lugar donde esté.
3. Participando activamente en un equipo de trabajo para la plantación de una iglesia
4. Haciendo aportes financieros para cubrir las necesidades de las nuevas iglesias.
5. Yendo al campo de trabajo, si tiene un llamado al pastorado y a plantar una iglesia
6. Si usted es un miembro, ayudando a su pastor activamente en el proyecto de planta una nueva iglesia.

Participemos con el Gran Labrador en la siembra y levantamiento de la cosecha de almas preciosas en estos últimos días.

Do Not Stop the Preaching of the Gospel

There are times in life when a crisis situation seems to stop all other things. The focus turns to the problem, and energies and resources are directed to resolve the situation, in many cases unexpected. But we must learn that in the midst of difficult situations, our skills are tested to perform all tasks despite what is happening. Such is the case of preaching the Gospel, discipleship, leadership training, and church planting. The Hispanic community, due to its immigration status, is suffering and struggling to get ahead of the crisis that is happening these days. Pastors, leaders, and congregations are praying and searching for alternatives to help lower the devastating impact that is hitting many families.

But that situation, though sufficiently large and difficult to take our full attention, should not stop us from continuing to do God's work. Our attention must remain the same or even higher in proclaiming the Word of God, seeking opportunities to continue to plant new churches, discipling the people who are coming to Christ, and training leaders among them to continue with the work of growth and development of the church.

Our desire to see each Hispanic evangelized and the community reached, with healthy, strong churches in each county, town, and city leads me to think and dream of the goal that every church plant another church in the next two years. This will be a church-planting movement to fill with the Gospel of Christ our state of North Carolina and other states. I think, as Rev. Danny Nelson has said, that each church has the potential to reproduce itself.

The problems we are facing these days among Hispanics are alarming and disappointing to deal with, heavy on our shoulders, but in the midst of all this, we see opportunities to further expand the kingdom of God in every place. That's why we are still talking about winning more souls for Christ and planting new churches. Jesus said that the fields are ready for harvest; as Jesus saw it in those days, we see it these days. We will not miss a single opportunity to do the work of God and do it well.

Each church plants another church within the next two years: this is a goal that is achievable. But in order to achieve these goals, we need to do the following:

- Observe the need around us.
- Believe that we can do something to fill the need.
- Decide to do something to accomplish the goal.
- Get a vision and be driven by it.
- Choose the place where the new church will be planted.
- Open ourselves to enhance the motivation and passion to get involved.
- Develop a strategy to know how to do it.
- Develop a plan and make preparations.
- Call people and train them to do the job.
- Set up a team of people who will help.
- Analyze where to find resources that exist in the area, how many people live there, what their needs are, and what kind of evangelism methods we will use to reach them.
- Plan to finance the project.

Together we can ensure that every Hispanic in this state hears the gospel and has an opportunity to receive Christ in his heart and become a good disciple for God.

From January to June of this year, the Lord has allowed us to start nine new churches:

Wilson / Tomas Serrano
Greenville / Idelfonso Vargas
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Some of the cities where we will be planting new churches are Southern Pines, Washington, Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Henderson, Monroe, Wake Forest, Sims, and Vanceboro. We have a list of many other cities where we have a plan to plant new churches.

How can you get involved?

1. Pray for new church planters, and open doors and resources. Also pray that we can be united as a church, so that together we can do the work of God.
2. Evangelize those who do not know the Lord, wherever you are.
3. Participate actively in a team that is working to plant a new church.
4. Give financial contributions to cover the needs of new church planting.
5. Go into the field if you have a call to be a pastor and a church planter.
6. If you are a member, help your pastor actively in the process of planting a new church.

Get involved with the Lord of the Harvest in planting and harvesting precious souls in these last days.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Melvin Simon

Went to heaven on May 14, '08

Where Are They Now...?

Muriel & Edna Cordon

Edna and Muriel make their home in Belhaven, NC, where they have lived since moving there in 1963. From this base they pastored 4 churches over 31 years, pastoring Belhaven, their home church, for 20 years.

The Cordons have always been bivocational, giving quality leadership to those churches placed in their care and working hard in the logging business to pay bills and raise a family. In recent years they have experienced a lot of sickness, which has prevented them from doing what they love most – preaching and working in the Lord's vineyard. Physically, Muriel does fairly well, notwithstanding a stroke, heart failure, and other problems. Edna calls herself the "bionic woman," having had several surgeries over the years. She is Muriel's main caretaker. The Cordons always seem to find something good to be thankful for in the midst of the storms of life... down sometimes, but never for long! To be around them is in itself a spiritual treat. Muriel and Edna send their love to all and would like to hear from you. They would also appreciate your prayers.

James and Vila Norton

J. H. Norton was known among us for many years as a respected pastor and contractor/builder. Rev. J. Doner Lee tapped into his building ability when he asked him to lead in the refurbishing of the old Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle back in the 1970s. It was quite a job. But Rev. Norton's main interest has always been preaching the Gospel, winning souls, and building the Kingdom of God. Saved in 1943 at the Calvary Church in Lumberton, NC, he started his pastoral ministry in 1948 and retired in 1990, but continued pastoring for 9 additional years. He pastored Shiloh (FD) 3 times for a total of 13 years and some other churches more than once. All along the way he built, enlarged, or refurbished the church or parsonage. He led in building a new church in Jacksonville. Following the death of his first wife, Brother Norton married Miss Vila Maynor of the Shiloh Church. He could not have been favored by God with a better companion. She has stood by his side through the years and continues to do so during these days when he is not as well as he would like to be. They live just down the road from the Shiloh Church, which makes it convenient to attend when he is able.

THE RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT

GREAT SINGING! GREAT PREACHING! GREAT FELLOWSHIP!

Our conference is blessed with some of the best musical talent that can be found anywhere! Each year in planning the Retired Ministers Retreat, we call upon our local church choirs and special groups to bless us with their music. This year Mrs. Billie Butler and the Capital Church Trio and Mr. Matt Coleman and the Northwood Temple Praise Singers ministered to our senior retired ministers. The music was outstanding, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon each group was even more so.

For a number of years we have all enjoyed the music of Rev. Roland and Phyllis Harrell. Roland leads our singing while Phyllis plays the piano. Then they join their voices in singing together. Of course that "special trio" made up of Roland, Jean, and Wiley try desperately hard to compete, even if it's singing the same songs every year!

But along with the good music and preaching is the fellowship so richly enjoyed by all. The retreat gives our senior ministers and wives a time to get together, renew acquaintances, and enjoy one another.

Oh, yes! Included with all the above is the food! We know we're not on a cruise ship, but we do eat about five times a day. The one thing that our retreat has that others don't is an ice cream machine! This year we consumed about 279 cones of good fat-free ice cream. We kept no record of how much was put on other desserts.

Our recent past retreat featured Rev. Doyle Marley preaching God's Word. Brother Marley is a favorite in this conference, having ministered here through the years in our youth camps and camp meetings. His messages were anointed, and the shouts of praise were heard as people rejoiced in the Truth. These were good days spent together, and we look forward to the 2009 retreat.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

THE BRIDGE – SATELLITE CHURCH OF WHITLEY PH CHURCH, GOLDSBORO

The question I get most often about The Bridge is, "Why plant another church in Goldsboro? Don't we have enough churches in this area?" The simple answer to that is, "No, we don't have nearly enough churches." Research reveals that if everyone in Goldsboro decided to go church on a Sunday morning, less than 20 percent would be able to find a seat. More importantly, we believe God called us to plant this church. We planted this church because we believe that our life-giving approach will appeal to many unchurched people who have become frustrated with the unscriptural priorities of organized religion and thus refuse to come to church.

What does it mean to be a life-giving church? First, let me say that we are not pointing our finger at any church and making a determination as to whether or not it is life-giving. It's never our place to make such a judgment - that's God's business. We are only asking, "Are we a life-giving church?" In an effort to understand in a practical sense who God has called us to be, we have listed ten characteristics of a life-giving church:

1. Accepting
2. Generous
3. Relational
4. Relevant
5. Enjoyable
6. Excellent (not perfect)
7. Wow Factor (creative and welcoming environments)
8. Powerful (always a sense of God's presence)
9. Positive (a hopeful perspective rooted in God's Word)
10. Family-oriented

The Whitley Pentecostal Holiness Church, after three years of prayer and preparation, planted The Bridge on November 10, 2007. This worship venue is located in The Barnyard Shopping Center near the intersection of Spence Avenue and Ash Street in Goldsboro. The environment has a "Starbucks" feel. The music is contemporary, the teaching is relevant, and the dress is casual. We believe that a small group culture (permanent way of life) is essential to the success of this effort. It is our vision to be a church of small groups, not simply a church with small group ministry (temporary strategy). At this time, we meet only on Saturday evening, and we offer two worship opportunities at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Artistic Dance Academy, located two doors down from The Bridge, is transformed into a fully staffed nursery and kids' church for both services each Saturday. This is possible because of the generosity of Patricia Warren, who attends our church and owns the studio. We would love to have you visit us at The Bridge one Saturday!

The Whitley Church leadership team is united and confident that God has called us to a multisite growth (multiplication) strategy. The main campus sits on 10 acres between Goldsboro and Princeton and provides over 50,000 feet of ministry space. The biggest mistake we made in planting The Bridge was in choosing a worship venue that does not provide room for growth. We are currently averaging about 100 people in the two Saturday services, and we probably will not grow much more until we find another site or start a third service. Once The Bridge is mature enough to continue the Saturday service and begin a Sunday morning service, we will plant our second satellite church. We are praying about several locations.

Contrary to rumors that always start up when you do ministry outside the box (our comfort zone), we have not changed our message, only our methods. The unchurched are very interested in Jesus, and they gladly take advantage of an opportunity to investigate His claims, but they have found it extremely difficult to find an environment where they will not be judged or looked down on because of their honest questions. It is our hope, our dream, our prayer, and our vision that The Bridge will provide such a place. We welcome any questions you may have. We also welcome advice and/or suggestions on how we might be more effective in building His Kingdom. Please pray for us.

Ferrell Hardison, Pastor
Whitley PH Church
Goldsboro, NC

Raising Christian Children in Malawi

by Althea Meyer, Missionary to Malawi

The Importance of Children's Ministry—Children's ministry is a home-based response to reflect God's love to our children. Remember Jesus asked Simon Peter in John 21:15, "Do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

With these words, every Christian should be challenged, prepared, and involved in teaching children God's Word. The importance of fulfilling this response is clearly given to us in Psalms 78:1-8. In the last verses of this chapter, we read whom God chose to be His servant. He chose David, the shepherd with integrity of heart and with skillful hands who led Israel. Read it carefully. Accept now the responsibility to teach children and not have a stubborn and rebellious generation as verse 8 warns us.

My Calling—My parents did not just teach me God's Word, but they also lived God's love out into the community and were active in church leadership. My Sunday school teacher faithfully shared the Gospel and gave an invitation to receive Jesus Christ in my class when I was 4½ years old. It was January 1960 when God ordained by the work of the Holy Spirit in my heart to respond to the invitation she gave, and I became born again. Having this spiritual experience at such a young age impacted my life to love. My love for God, His Word, His people, and the church just grew daily. At 16 I taught Sunday school, and in high school led the Christian Youth movement. One opportunity after the other opened for me, showing God's hand in my life. My promise to God for all His goodness, grace, and mercy in my life is to serve Him by reaching children with His love and teaching them God's Word with a desire to see children experience God's love and life while impacting the world around them in His plan and purpose for them. I am so grateful to serve the church in Malawi as missionary, child evangelist, instructor of children's workers, and mobilizer of young prayer warriors to encourage the development of effective children's ministries and the Children's Prayer Network in Malawi.

The Importance of Children's Ministry in the Local Church—For the Body of Christ to equip parents effectively now and for the future to teach children, we need to have a model of children's ministry meeting the holistic needs of children and functional in the local churches involving parents and youth as teachers and the elders as mentors. This model should reflect a strong leadership structure of leaders and teachers who are well equipped with the knowledge of God's Word, principles,

and methods Jesus used to teach. With such an effective children's ministry and training in place, we will see the change God's Word will bring to this generation and generations to come. God's Word gives us the outcome in Psalms 78:7—"Then they will put their trust in God and will not forget his deeds but would keep his commands."

Highlights of My Involvement in Children's Ministry in Malawi—One of the highlights has been to see the children respond when they are taught God's Word. New life in Christ is a joyful and eager experience for them. It is taken with such simple faith and overwhelming responses. Their love and faith walk is so radical while they embrace the challenge to learn more, serve God, and minister to others. Then we see the students develop and complete their training as children's workers and now have their diploma in Children's Ministry. In Malawi we now have 21 international instructors of children's ministry, and in 2008 we hope Malawi will experience the opportunity to host the training of the Children's Ministry Institute presenting the diploma course. Another highlight is to observe the passion in the hearts of the children's workers, now channeled to help in the community, addressing needs the children have.

The Vision of My Ministry—Our vision is to win all kids for Christ. I hope to see all churches embrace the leadership structure to manage effective children's ministries, then appoint, train, and equip children's workers in every local church to win kids for Christ through Sunday school, children's church, kids prayer groups, kids clubs, kids camps, kids crusades, hospital ministry, Christian nursery schools, orphanages, and ministry to the disabled and to street kids. In every local church have in position: children's ministry leader and coworker, child evangelist and coworker, children's prayer network leader and coworker.

Last Words—If we want to win a nation for Christ, we need to stand together in unity with a strategy God has given us to win a nation. Let's make it our entire goal and win all children for Christ!

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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The CEM Mission Field: Equipping the Body of Christ

by Sarah M. Salter, NC CEM Secretary/Bookkeeper

For some time now, I've sensed God speaking to me about what it means to be a part of His Kingdom here on earth. If you pay much attention in church, you'll hear us referred to by many different names: the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the family of God, or the army of God. The one element that these all have in common in that they are cohesive units—separate entities bound together to one anchor: Christ. In dealing with me about being part of His Kingdom, God has really spoken to me about two areas: our community and our calling.

For me, the most difficult and most wonderful aspect of Kingdom living has been that as a member of the body of Christ, I don't just have to deal with Christ; I have to deal with people too. I am firmly convinced that there's nothing wrong with the Church. The Church is perfect! It was created by God for His great and marvelous purposes. However, working with imperfect people can be one of the most frustrating things in the world. As a pastor's daughter, a church member, and a full-time ministry worker, I see all of the glorious things about the family of God. But I also see much of the ugliness and carnality as well. By the time I was in my early twenties, I was ready to quit church (and church people) altogether. In my immaturity and foolishness, I believed I would be better off sitting at home alone with God on Sunday mornings than facing people who, more often than not, disappointed and hurt me.

Thankfully, God has matured me a little bit since that time. First of all, He had me surrounded by a group of Christians that wouldn't allow me to hide at home and isolate myself in my "ivory tower." The result of God's love and diligence (often imparted through those Christians) was that over time, I learned that I needed those imperfect people and that—bless God—I was imperfect too! And, moreover, they needed me!

In John 17:21, Jesus prays for believers: "I pray that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." This leads me to the other area that God has really been speaking to me about: our calling. God put us in this great Army of God together for a reason. We have a calling to minister to and equip one another!

Rick Joyner of Morningstar Ministries says, "The church was never intended to just be a big sheep pen where the people are gathered and just have food thrown to them a couple of times a week." How many of us have been guilty of looking at church as just a place that we go once or twice a week to "fill up our plate"? I know I've been guilty of that, but yet I also remember learning in Vacation Bible School in our small country church that a church isn't a place; it's a people.

I don't know about you, but I have church many times a week. Just this morning, when I was having trouble with my fax machine and called the lady on the other end of the line to see if she'd received my fax, after a short get-to-know-you chat about gas prices and the weather, we began to talk about the way God works. At the end of 10 or 11 minutes, when I got off the phone with Tonya in Tulsa, we'd had church. She had shared with me about the needs or her ministry, and I'd shared with her about the way God had spoken to me in a similar situation. God's Word went forth, yet I never stepped into a sanctuary, sang a hymn, or sat in a pew.

Since this is the monthly CEM article, I want to draw a clear connection with how this relates to Church Education Ministries—and it really does! Every successful army goes through extensive training to equip them for the battle. CEM is in the business of equipping! Think about it: in Sunday school, we are equipped with knowledge and strategy about Kingdom life. In Talent Quest, our kids are able to hone their skills and talents for use in ministry. In Bible Quest, students are able to learn scriptures to use as weapons against the enemy. As a conference, we come together many times a year for training and fellowship: KidzQuest, CEM convention, Sunday school teacher training. We are a part of one another's lives, and we impart to each other the lessons, wisdom, love, and faith we have so that we make each other stronger. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." It's a calling that cannot be carried out alone. The calling requires the community.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells believers: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." You don't have to leave home to share Jesus with the world. God has given you a mission field in your house, your workplace, and your church. You are ordained by God for this mission field. Walk in His Spirit, and He will gladly use you to build, strengthen, and equip His Kingdom!

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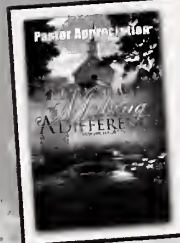

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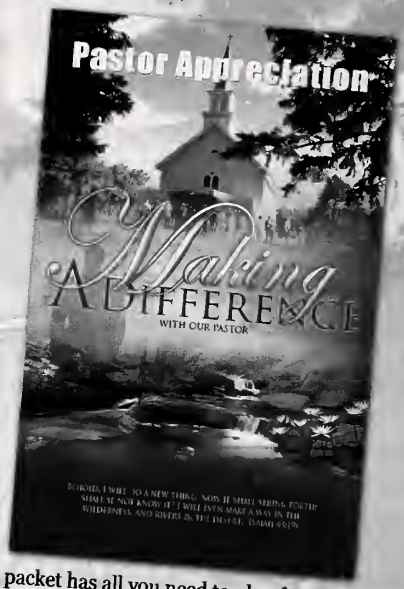

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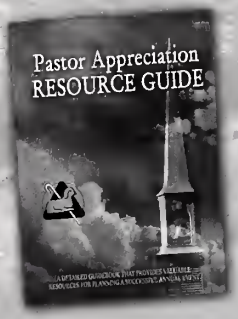

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"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

Isaiah 26:3 (KJV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Frances Virginia Paul Lewis

May 17, 1930 – June 21, 2008

Woman of God Called Home!

On early Saturday morning, June 21, Sister Frances Lewis received the summons to come home. She had faced a struggle for several weeks with cancer. Her struggles ended and her eternal joys began. She was absent in the body and present with her Lord.

I first met Sister Lewis in September 1986. She was a true woman of God. She was the wife of a preacher. Together they were in the gospel ministry for 41 years before retirement and 19 years after retirement. She stood by her husband, Reverend Harold Lewis, as he pastored the Petersburg, Virginia, church for three years, the Lowland/Hobucken charge for one year, and then Lowland for 24-plus years. She and Brother Lewis would have been married 60 years on August 5.

In addition to and during these years, she traveled with her husband in evangelistic work. She would sing and the children would sing. In all things she did what she could and proved faithful. Her faithfulness extended to her God, her husband, her pastor, her church, her conference, her community, her children, her grandchildren (4), and her great-grandchildren (8).

She gave birth to three children: Sharon, Phillip, and Terry. All are involved in the work of the Lord. Sister Sharon Rice is the secretary-treasurer of the Lowland Church. In addition, she plays the piano and sings. Reverend Phillip Lewis is pastor of the Friendship Church, Aurora. Reverend Terry Lewis is pastor of the Lowland Church. These three faithful children make up the Lewis trio. They have been a blessing for years with their singing in churches, camp meetings, funerals, etc. They sang several songs at Sister Lewis' home-going celebration. The anointing flowed.

The home-going celebration was held on Monday morning, June 23, 11:00 a.m., at the Lowland Church. I led the service and was greatly honored to say a few words about this special lady. Her preacher sons also spoke. It was a glorious service. The church and fellowship hall overflow were packed. Sister Lewis was laid to rest next to her husband in the Lowland Community Cemetery. However, she is not there! Look for her at the feet of her Savior. She rejoices in heaven.

Sister Lewis was short in stature but tall in faith and practice. We all will miss her sweet spirit and contagious smile. However, she is not lost to us. We know where she is and will see her again.

Crucial Days

These are crucial days. Gasoline prices continue to rise. Political leaders at times lack integrity. They lack answers to societal problems. Families are broken. Children are neglected. Minds are perverted. The Bible is ridiculed. Churches are locked on Sunday evenings. The name of Jesus is blasphemed. Prayer is outlawed. The Ten Commandments are ripped off walls. Sunday schools are closing. Violence is increasing. Sodom is accepted. Yet the main problem could very well be how some church members treat their pastors.

Consider these facts. Fifteen hundred (1,500) pastors left the ministry last month. Twenty-four percent of all pastors have been forced out of at least one church. Fifteen percent of the churches in America have forced out two or more pastors. Ten percent of churches have forced out three or more pastors.

Am I saying or implying that all pastors are innocent? Absolutely not! Pastors make mistakes. They are human (and sometimes get carnal). Many times they cause the confusion or fuel the confusion within a church.

Am I saying all churches are bad? Absolutely not! Most churches are faithful and love their pastor. He or she is treated with respect and greatly honored. Most churches pay as much salary as they can to their pastor.

What I am saying is that in these crucial days, pastors are openly attacked and criticized, and quickly so. Wolves enter into many churches. They lead the attack against the man or woman of God. Unfortunately, the sheep follow too quickly. They readily believe a lie. The wolves have a tendency to attack the young, and they follow blood.

Many times a young Christian within weeks of being saved is involved in church turmoil. It is amazing how quickly one can forget the grace of God.

There is a verse of scripture in Zechariah that has been proven to me to be a Bible truth. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of Hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones" (Zechariah 13:7). Jesus quoted a portion of this verse. See Matthew 26:31 and Mark 14:27.

It is a truth and a fact of life. Smite the shepherd, and the sheep will scatter! It really doesn't matter if the smiting is right or wrong. Such activity will always result in the flock's being adversely affected.

Smiting in this context means to beat, smack, torment, hit, strike, afflict, plague, grieve, or distress. If a sheep is attacked, a sheep will be destroyed. If a shepherd is destroyed, a flock will be destroyed. If a pastor is destroyed, a church will be destroyed.

This is biblical reality. When the shepherd is attacked publicly, sheep choose sides. The end result is the children (youth and young children) are hurt. The flock scatters. In every situation when the shepherd is smitten the flock is scattered.

One might say, what can be done when the shepherd goes astray? The answer is really very simple: keep it private, and let leadership work. The Pentecostal Holiness Church has an excellent system of accountability. The system works. It does not work when individuals go the public road. Our Holiness tradition prevents us from sweeping things under the rug. But this same tradition demands that situations be dealt with fairly.

Keep in mind these two verses in Hebrews: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follows, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (13:7, 8); "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you" (13:17).

Much energy is lost when shepherds are smitten. All would be helped to stay focused on vision and the truth of the Word.

May the Lord give wisdom and strength during these crucial days. May lay leadership and clergy leadership work closely together. May members be more focused on worship, discipleship, and soul winning. May He richly bless those called to leadership. May they *not give up, nor fall, nor depart, nor faint.* May they press on and keep running the race.

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Apostles and Prophets: Reclaiming the Biblical Gifts

by T. L. Lowery with Craig L. Ervin. Cleveland, Tennessee: T. L. Lowery Ministries. 215 pages.

The devil knows what he is doing. As Screwtape said to Wormwood: "Old error in new dress is ever error nonetheless." The dangers of deception and falsehood are clear and present for all Christians in these last days. The truth war is real and very intense. Front line soldiers know that the battle is fiercest where the enemy aims the fiery darts and sends his false apostles and deceitful workmen masquerading as servants of righteousness. Satan aims at the Word of God and desperately attempts to steal its credibility and reliability, line by line and word by word. Substituting for that true Word, his deceitful message declared by enticing voices goes forth behind pulpits, in the media, and in publications.

T. L. Lowery has fulfilled the ministry callings of evangelist, pastor, educational leader, author, teacher, and denominational leader during more than six decades of active ministry. He has served the Lord faithfully and is regarded by many as a true man of God. He acknowledges that the "church has lost its voice of moral authority and its power of influence in the world," but at the same time claims the Lord has kept the good wine until now, and the greatest days of the church are just ahead. He purports that as society sinks, the church will rise.

In this book, Lowery attempts to draw a balance in the modern teaching of the role of modern day apostles and prophets. He writes, "Christ has never stopped building His church and He has never ceased gifting the church with apostles and prophets." After explaining the role of apostle and prophet, he predicts a great transformation of the church that will begin with the ministries of modern day apostles and prophets. Advocating the ministry or gifting of the apostle and not the office of apostle for modern times, Lowery clearly believes that apostolic ministries are valid. He also believes the church will continue to receive a continual supply of revelation and power.

"No man or woman serves in the office of an apostle today, but many men and women serve in the anointing and ministry of apostles today," states Lowery. The office of apostle is not repeatable. The author presents a chapter on false apostles and prophets, describing them as men who use the "supernatural" to dazzle and draw their audiences, use slick methods to gain money and become rich, and substitute the law for the message of grace and the message of self-indulgence for the word of the Cross.

Lowery calls for apostolic and prophetic teams to increase the ability of leadership to equip the saints as they are linked with pastors, teachers, and evangelists, thus completing the fivefold ministry of Ephesians 4:11. In addition, he encourages the creation of apostolic churches that will receive the anointing and become the places of real power and authority, and encourages Christians to follow the leading of the Spirit regardless of the form of government or organization of the church.

The author's major position is that the key to the restoration of the church, which has lost its voice of authority and moral influence upon the world, is the restoration of the ministry of the apostle and prophet. As the fivefold ministry of the church is restored, the message of God will be heard again around the world.

While T. L. Lowery possesses almost a heroic status for many Pentecostals today, there are many questions that remain to be answered and statements that require clarification, perhaps in a quiet, reserved corner and over a large pot of coffee. For example: What does he mean by continual revelation? Is the current failure of the church so stated in the introduction due to a fundamental lack of apostles and prophets? Did the church sink because society sank, or were there other forces at work to bring about the current demise of the church? What are the distinctions between the office and function of an apostle? Does Moses serve as a valid model for modern "apostles"? Is Isaiah 2:2, 3 a prophecy concerning the church in the last days? Is it within the scope of accurate interpretation to establish the ministry of the Two Witnesses (Moses and Elijah) in Revelation as the actual models of apostolic and prophetic ministries presently "pouring out the anointing of their lives into the Church" (p. 137) and in the future prior to Christ's return for the church? Strictly speaking scripturally, when Jesus returns, will the Church be in a state of revival worldwide? What does the term "revival" mean to you? Should the Bible be interpreted subjectively or exclusively objectively? Will the Church shine in the Tribulation Period, reaching a great harvest of souls just prior to the sounding of the seventh and last trumpet (p. 139)?

The foundation of theology, including the governance of the church, is the infallible Word of God. When that foundation is removed, nothing people have found, read, or heard can replace it. The true Church possesses God's exact truth. It is God's will for us to love it. It is His perfect will for us to defend it. It is up to us to obey it.

Heaven

by Randy Alcorn. Wheaton, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers. 533 pages.

What we set our minds on determines our seeking; what we seek determines the direction of our lives, for where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. The irreducible draw of heaven is to be with God in His presence. In these stress-filled days, Christians need to set their minds on heaven and seek to understand more and more. Martyn Lloyd-Jones contended that the more spiritual we are, the more we shall think about heaven. John Calvin admonished believers to apply their minds to the future life so that this world would become cheap to them. Bishop J. C. Ryle stated he pitied the man who never thought about heaven. On earth, all good things must end, but in heaven all good things will never end. In heaven God will never hide His face, and the devil will never show his. Such assurance offers solace for pilgrims who make the journey looking for the country, the city, and Christ.

In searching for material for a series on heaven, I found a humorous story. It is about a man named Solomon Peas who passed away in England. His epitaph read, "Beneath these clouds and these trees, lies the body of Solomon Peas; this is not Peas; it is only his pod. Peas has shelled out and gone home to God." Please, Peas!

Dr. Alcorn has produced a marvelous product filled with biblical facts, great quotes, and thought-provoking stories and illustrations that are designed to better inform believers about a great subject called heaven. If a minister used *One Minute After You Die* by Erwin W. Lutzer, *Eternity: Reclaiming a Passion for What Endures* by Joseph M. Stowell, perhaps *Great Preaching on Heaven* compiled and edited by Curtis Hudson, and some of the better commentaries on Revelation 21–22, such as *An Exegetical Commentary on Revelation* by Robert L. Thomas, in conjunction with *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn, he would have some good resources to begin a series on heaven.

Contending that heaven is a central, life-sustaining conviction, the author strives to encourage Christians to think accurately about heaven and to imagine the good things about it. He seeks to answer many questions people have asked through the ages and draws some remarkable conclusions based on biblical study, dialogue, and critique. As a valuable resource on heaven, it is a pleasure to read. It is well worth the purchase price. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."
(Psalm 118:24)

Lately, I've found myself walking around and singing this verse, "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made; I will rejoice, I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

Now the reason I'm singing this particular tune is that I have to remind myself that even though I have packed too many "Things to Do" in my day, that's my fault, not His. As I write this article, I'm trying to get ready to go on vacation with our daughter and her family. But before leaving, I have to get the fresh shrimp in containers to freeze; I have zucchini to make bread, and there are cucumbers to make pickles. (Have you ever noticed that everything has to be done at the same time?)

To add to our list, don't forget the Girls' Ministries upcoming MLT Training that will be held Saturday, August 23, at the First Church in Goldsboro. It's not too late to participate in this training. If you have any questions, please call our conference GM director, Lydia Mills, at 919-936-2224. She will be happy to assist you.

We will be taking the Feast of Ingathering Offerings during the WM Workshop during Fall District Rallies. Our goal again this year is $75,000. We have also received a thank-you note from Ashleigh Harrell of the Greenville First Church for the Emmanuel Scholarships she was awarded at the NCWM Convention in June. Thank you, ladies, for making this possible for our students. Got to run now; I have to pack my bags!

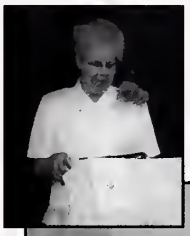
In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Let's Have a Cup of Tea...

This was the theme for the 2008 Directors' Council held May 3 in Falcon. Guest speaker was Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson. Those who attended enjoyed a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship. We learned the correct way to have a tea. It was so much fun! I thought you might enjoy a few of the comments from those who attended:

- Everything was great. Thanks for inviting me!
- Great job! Thanks for going to so much trouble for us!
- Wonderful time with our ladies! Feel very appreciated and inspired.
- I cancelled another engagement to come here, and I'm so glad I did.

This annual event is planned the first Saturday in May for the local WM directors. We hope you will make plans to join us in 2009.



LEFT: Mary Belle Johnsosn

BELOW: Are they singing, "I'm a Little Tea Pot"?

POTPOURRI....

- After juicing a lemon, grind the peel down your garbage disposal along with a few ice cubes to make it smell clean again.
- What to do with the sugar-coated cereal at the bottom of the box? Top hot oatmeal with the crumbs. Delicious!
- Paint the bottom of a shaving cream can with a thin coat of clear nail polish to prevent rust rings on countertops and fixtures.
- Put a fabric-softener sheet at the bottom of wastebaskets to reduce odors.

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Men's Advance Golf Tournament

A Royal Rangers Benefit

Friday, September 19

Lakewood Country Club
Salemburg, NC
9:00 am

2008 MEN'S ADVANCE: A Greater Yes!

The 2008 Men's Advance is just around the corner. A spectacular event is coming your way—you don't want to miss this!

The day will kick off with a benefit golf tournament at the Lakewood Country Club in Salemburg, North Carolina. Check-in will be 9:00 a.m.; tee time will follow at 10:00. All proceeds will support our Royal Rangers program, helping boys learn how to become godly men.

Come hungry! We will enjoy Christian fellowship over a delicious meal at 6:00 p.m. Then our souls will be fed as Dr. Dan Erickson and Bill Terry lead us closer to God in *A Greater Yes*!

Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m., we will *Stand Too* with our very own Bishop Chris Thompson bringing the word of God.

We are very excited about what God has in store for the men of the North Carolina Conference! You don't want to miss this weekend!

I encourage all men to come and bring your brother, son, or friend. We are expecting a life-changing event with Jesus Christ our Lord!

Register today: contact Ronnie Basden (252) 521-2275 to have *your* place reserved in *A Greater Yes*! Mark your calendar now for your Greater Yes conference at the 2008 Men's Advance, September 19 and 20. See you there!

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How God Can Use You to Move Heaven and Earth: Your Prayers Make a Difference

In his book Dutch Sheets speaks about prayer and intercession. Some of the things he writes about are:

- We don't wait well. We're into microwaving, and God is into marinating.
- Stubbornness can be channeled into a righteous force called persistence or endurance. Keep asking! The right answer begins with the right question. Gal. 6:9 – "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."
- No one is born a prayer hero. Prayer heroes are shaped and refined on the practice field of life.
- Is prayer really necessary? Our prayers can bring revival, healing, and can change a nation. "God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world, the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil… The prayers of God's saints are the capital stock of heaven by which God carries on His great work upon the earth. God conditions the very life and prosperity of His cause on prayer." (E.M. Bounds)
- God needs to work and carry out His will through man.
- Defining intercession – According to Webster, *intercede* means "to go or pass between; to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to interpose; to mediate or make intercession; mediation." Using the same source, *mediate* means "between two extremes; to interpose between parties as the equal friend of each; to negotiate between persons at variance with a view to reconciliation; to mediate a peace intercession."
- Intercession happens:
    - In our courts daily
    - In contractual meetings
    - In offices and business meetings
- Christ is the ultimate intercessor. He prays and is the mediator for us. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus" (Hebrews 3:1).
- Intercession is not primarily a prayer; a person prays, but intercession is something a person does that can be done through prayer.
- Intercession creates a meeting. Intercessors meet with God; they also meet the power of darkness.
- We are not merely to carry burdens for our brothers and sisters in Christ; we are to carry them away. One involves sharing a load; the other involves removing a load. "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits" (Romans 12:16). See also Galatians 6:2.
- Jesus conquered Satan and his kingdom; we enforce the victory! See Psalm 110:2, 3.

As believers let's think on these things.
Prayer is overlooked or treated as a last-minute resource to our problem.
Prayer is looked at as a ministry for only some believers or the women of the church.
Prayer is left out of our meetings and services.
Prayer has been attacked in our nation and is no longer allowed in our schools and other places.
"Prayer is our only connection to heaven in order to change the world."
Take time to exercise the privilege of prayer.
Take time to participate and study prayer.
Prayer is the way God uses you to move heaven and earth.

WIN Conference Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2008

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Camp Meeting Is Here!

We all get excited when August rolls around because it is time for camp meeting. If you have ever been to a camp meeting, you would agree that it is an exciting time!

First of all, we look forward to the variety of speakers who will pour out their hearts with the Word that God has given them for the appointed hour. The air of expectancy of what God will do in the services is also a way the Holy Spirit draws us to the services. Many of us also anticipate the pure enjoyment of visiting with our friends from all over the conference, and sometimes from other conferences, who come to enjoy the services and fellowship of friends. God has a way of making each service more special than any other by anointing His ministers to give forth the true and living Word of God.

The camp meeting music is always uplifting and glorifies God. Music is a very special gift from God to inspire, encourage, and lift us up in our walk with Him. Camp meeting music is also our worship and praise to Him. There is nothing like coming into a service and hearing the overwhelming praise to God from all of His servants.

There are special meetings that take place during camp meeting each year. Early morning prayer meetings in the Octagon, Children's Camp Meeting, Retired Ministers' Luncheon, Youth Emphasis Night, Global Outreach Service, and last, but not least, the Ministers' Wives Fellowship Luncheon are the many opportunities that are available during the week.

Please do not forget the special program and meal prepared for the Ministers' Wives and Lady Ministers on Saturday, August 9, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. in the Culbreth Memorial Church Fellowship Hall. The theme of our program is "Running the Race," and Mrs. Bobbie Hilliard, wife of Rev. Stacy Hilliard, pastor of Breakthrough Revival Center in Greenville, N.C., is our special guest speaker this year. We look forward to Mrs. Bobbie's ministry to us. If you are a ministers' wife, widow of a minister, or a lady minister, please make every effort to come. You will go away blessed and refreshed.

Plan now to come to the Falcon Camp Meeting, August 3-10, 2008, and bring someone who has never been before. You would be surprised at how many of our church people have never been to camp meeting. Camp meeting is a very special time of the year, and we all need to be there.

The theme for Holmes Bible College is "Live for Others," and I have been reminded of this several times lately in devotions and in different things I have read. One phrase I read in *Our Daily Bread* is that we are to "love others and live for their benefit." As difficult as it is to live for the benefit of others, Jesus taught this is the way we are to live our lives. All through the Sermon on the Mount, we are instructed how to live our lives for Him. Jesus Himself lived that unselfish life before us throughout the Gospels.

Genesis 1:27 says, "God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them." We are to bear the image of God in our lives. Is it really impossible? What if we used the phrase "What Would Jesus Do?" to guide us into questioning our every motive? How would Jesus react to the way we treat people in our everyday lives? Do we look down on people when they don't do things as we would do them? Let's consider our every situation and whether or not the Lord would be pleased with us. "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 7:12).

"Love is an attitude, love is a prayer
For someone in sorrow, a heart in despair;
Love is good will for the gain of another,
Love suffers long with the fault of a brother."
—Anon.

"Love is the debt we owe one another."
(Poem and phrase taken from *Our Daily Bread*, May 2008)

"Now that the veil has been removed, I am free (through the Word) to become the very mirror image of the Lord in all of His glory. I am continually being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit and who dwells within me" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Until next month, May God bless!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

My First Camp Meeting

The first camp meeting I ever attended was a scenic and refreshing seven-mile ride through the valleys and hills of southwestern Virginia from Shawsville, Virginia, to the Piedmont Camp Meeting. I had been saved in the Baptist Church when I was nine years old, and then we moved around a bit and ended up in Salem, Virginia. While in Salem, I was invited to go to the Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rev. B. E. Underwood was my first pastor. At the next conference, Brother Underwood became conference superintendent, and his stepbrother, Rev. Bane Underwood, became the pastor of the Salem Church.

Brother Underwood was president of Piedmont Camp Meeting Association and owned a house up the road from the campgrounds. The Pioneer Girls group of which I was a member went to camp meeting and camped out in the house for the weekend. We attended services, and I was hooked for the rest of my life. The atmosphere of being in an open-air, tin-roofed tabernacle right beside the stream that came down from the mountains, the wooden benches, good old camp meeting songs, fellowship with other Christian friends—all of this and more won me over to a special space and time of the year. Rev. and Mrs. Clayton Guthrie were the evangelists for the ten days of camp meeting that year, and only God knew that I would learn to love and appreciate these two saints of God in later years here in the North Carolina Conference.

Even today as I go back to Piedmont, it is much the same even though some of the people are gone and others have come in their place; some of the buildings have changed, but the camp meeting is still there as it has always been. There is an abundance of children and young people now, and the camp meeting is working to have services and special outings for them. Brother Bane was always trying to include the youth in any way, and I know he would be proud of what the Lord is still doing at Piedmont. I thank God for the privilege and opportunity of being part of His work in my youth.

Aulander Camp Meeting

I never attended the Aulander Camp Meeting, but I remember looking in the *Advocate* every month and seeing the camp meeting schedules for each year.

Rev. J. B. Williams started the Aulander Camp Meeting back in the early 1900s on a piece of land not far from the Millennium P.H. Church in Aulander, N.C. Members of the Williams family have put together a scrapbook that illustrates the buildings and some of the memories of the Aulander Camp Meeting. Mrs. Jean Williams has been so kind as to present this scrapbook to the N.C. Archives, and we hope to display it at the Falcon Camp Meeting. We do appreciate this priceless addition to our Archives.

Piney Grove Camp Meeting

The Piney Grove Camp Meeting was started in 1909 by Rev. A. H. Butler on land given by Rev. S. C. Hodges. These were faithful men who loved their God and wanted to spread the Gospel to a lost and dying world, and what better way than in a camp meeting!

This year will be a historical year with Presiding Bishop James Leggett preaching with one of his brothers, Rev. Roger Leggett, pastor of the Williamston First P.H. Church. We look forward to the services and to what the Lord has in store for this special time.

The Falcon Camp Meeting

My first visit to the Falcon Camp Meeting was around 1971, and I was able to see the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium before it was remodeled, with the screen in the windows, the pictures around the wall at the back of the choir, the mosquitoes and bugs, and, oh, the heat and humidity of eastern N.C.! I also remember the singing of the old camp meeting songs by the choir. The camp meeting preacher outdid himself by preaching the Word as the Holy Spirit gave the anointing. Camp Meeting is a very special time.

Did You Know...?

Did you know that at the very first Falcon Camp Meeting in 1900, they had a very strict list of services, and therefore the people were in a continual spirit of prayer and praise to God? Each day's order of services was as follows:

- Sunrise Prayer Meeting
- Bible Reading from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Bible Teaching on the Four-Fold Gospel at 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon
- Praise and Testimony Meeting from 2 to 3 p.m.
- Missionary Addresses and Preaching from 3 to 5 p.m.
- Every Night Evangelistic Services.

Today we stay so busy with so many things that sometime we may need to retreat and participate in every service available to us and then see how the Lord will use us in His kingdom. We have several people who think nothing of taking their vacation to come to camp meeting and enjoy every service available to them. These same people spend regular times in the prayer room during camp meeting also. What is our priority in life? Remember we are just passing through this world, and "only what we do for Christ will last."

May God bless, and I hope to see you at camp meeting this year!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Cada Iglesia Otra Iglesia

No debemos de detenernos, es nuestro enfoque. No importa cuanto crecimiento obtengamos, o cuantas iglesias existan en la Conferencia; no debemos de parar de evangelizar, discipular, capacitar y plantar nuevas iglesias. Jesús dijo: Alzad vuestros ojos y mirad los campos, porque ya están blancos para la siega. Juan 4:35. La acción de alzar los ojos y mirar es una invitación y un llamado para ir hacia el campo y recoger la cosecha. La cosecha de almas en Carolina del Norte no se ha acabado; tan solo levante los ojos y mirarás un campo esperando por ti, por tu trabajo, tu tiempo y tu esfuerzo.

En Mateo 9:35 leemos que Jesús recorría todas las ciudades y aldeas, enseñando en las sinagogas de ellos, y predicando el evangelio del reino, y sanando toda enfermedad y toda dolencia en el pueblo. Hemos recorrido ya todas las ciudades, condados y pueblos de Carolina del Norte? Aunque tengamos conocimiento de nombres y lugares, quizás no las hemos recorrido con el propósito de enseñar, predicar y sanar a los enfermos; y por lo consiguiente para plantar nuevas iglesias. Porque a todos los que se les predique, necesitan una iglesia para aprender a conocer, amar, adorar y servir a Dios, al mismo tiempo que aprenden a relacionarse, amar y servir a sus semejantes.

Estamos en agosto del año 2008, y desde este punto en el tiempo y la fecha, levanto mis ojos para proyectarme, mirando hacia el horizonte listo y preparando a otros para seguir recorriendo la cosecha de los campos blancos.

He tomado el desafío, tengo la fe y la visión, la cual comparto con todos los pastores, líderes y congregaciones en nuestra Conferencia para que cada IGLESIA PLANTE OTRA IGLESIA en los próximos dos años. Nuestros ojos están puestos en ese agosto 2010, para cuando hayamos logrado la meta de doblar el número de iglesias hispanas.

La palabra y promesa de Dios manifiesta su vida, poder y cumplimiento en nuestras vidas y ministerios cuando dice: Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece. Otra versión de la Biblia dice: Puedo enfrentar cualquier situación porque Cristo me da el poder para hacerlo. Otra versión dice de la siguiente manera: A todo puedo hacerle frente, gracias a Cristo que me fortalece. Filipenses 4:13

Creo que podemos enfrenar cualquier situación o hacerle frente a todos los obstáculos. Cosas que pueden tener el aspecto de: lo pequeño de nuestra congregación actual, la aparente falta de recursos económicos, la crisis que podamos percibir en el país, la falta de gente para hacer el trabajo y otros retos que tenemos por delante. Si tenemos una visión, el deseo y la pasión por seguir predicando el evangelio, dejando iglesias plantadas en otras ciudades y pueblos, lo podremos lograr.

Como puede notar, dentro del desafío planteado, TENEMOS DOS AÑOS por delante; esto nos da el tiempo suficiente para orar por dirección de Dios, elaborar un plan, buscar el lugar en dónde queremos plantar la iglesia, hacer un estudio de la situación del lugar, preparar la gente, formar el equipo, compartir con la iglesia la visión, reunir recursos financieros para llevar a cabo el proyecto y tener al líder o pastor de la nueva iglesia.

Acepte el reto y la visión de plantar otra iglesia en los próximos dos años. Tus recursos no faltarán, tu gente no faltará y las fuerzas tampoco faltarán para poderlo hacer y lograrlo. Plantando más iglesias es la forma más efectiva para evangelizar nuestro estado.

Al unirse a este movimiento plantador de iglesias, lograremos mantener la llama encendida de la pasión por más almas para el Reino de Dios en nuestra Conferencia. Por lo tanto le animo a pensar seriamente y comenzar a dar los pasos que necesita para lograr el proyecto.

Ya tiene una vision.
Ya hizo el estudio de campo.
Ya hizo un plan.
Empezó a compartir la vision.
Está consiguiendo un compromiso.
Está identificando a los que tienen: pasión y los dones.
Tiene un plan financiero.
Ya tiene un líder.

EN DOS AÑOS, CADA IGLESIA PLANTA OTRA IGLESIA. Los campos están blancos y listos para la siega. Recorrer las ciudades es nuestro llamado, debemos hacerlo dejando iglesias plantadas.

"JUNTOS"

TOGETHER

Every Church, Another Church

"We must not stop" is our focus. No matter how much growth we get or how many churches exist in the conference, we must not stop evangelizing, discipling, training, and planting new churches. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look at the fields because they are already white for harvest" (John 4:35). The action of lifting the eyes and looking is an invitation and a call to go into the field and collect the harvest. The harvest of souls in North Carolina has not been finished; just lift your eyes and look at the fields; they are waiting for you: for your work, your time, and your effort.

In Matthew 9:35 we read that Jesus walked through the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and disease in the villages. Have we come to all the cities, counties, and towns of North Carolina? Although we have knowledge of names and places, we may not have traveled in order to teach, preach, and heal the sick, and therefore to plant new churches. Because of all that we preach to the people, they need a church to learn to know, love, worship, and serve God while learning to interact with, love, and serve each other.

We are in August 2008, and from this point in time, I raise my eyes to the project, looking toward the horizon ready and prepared to continue taking the harvest of the white fields.

I have taken the challenge; I have faith and vision, which I share with all pastors, leaders, and congregations in our conference, for each church to plant another church in the next two years. Our eyes are on August 2010, when we shall have achieved the goal of doubling the number of Hispanic churches.

The word and promise of God manifest life, power, and fulfillment in our lives and ministries when the Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Another version of the Bible says, "I can face any situation because Christ gives me the power to do it." Another version reads as follows: "I can deal with all through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

I think we can face any situation or cope with any obstacles such as these: a small congregation in the present, the apparent lack of economic resources, the perceived crises in this country, the lack of people to do the job, and other challenges that lie ahead. If we have a vision, desire, and passion to continue preaching the gospel, leaving churches planted in other cities and towns, we can achieve our goal.

As you can see, within the challenge, we have two years ahead of us, and this gives us enough time to pray for God's direction, develop a plan, find the place where we want to plant the church, make a study of the situation of the place, prepare the people, form the team, share the vision with the church, find financial resources to carry out the project, and find a leader or pastor of the new church.

Accept the challenge and vision of planting another church within the next two years. You will not lack resources; people to do the work will not be lacking, and there will be no shortage of strength to make us able to do the job and accomplish the goal. Planting more churches is the most effective way to evangelize our state.

By joining this movement to plant churches, we keep the flame of passion burning for more souls for the kingdom of God in our conference. Therefore I encourage you to think seriously and start taking the steps needed to achieve the project.

Already have a vision.

Do a field study.

Have a plan.

Start to share the vision.

Get a commitment from the people.

Identify those who have passion and gifts.

Have a financial plan.

Already have a leader.

In two years, each church to plant another church; the fields are white and ready for harvest. It is our calling to explore and study the cities; we will leave churches planted.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Went to heaven on June 21, '08.

Where Are They Now...?

Jimmy and Joyce (Goodson) Swinson

Jimmy and Joyce (Goodson) Swinson were saved in the Mt. Olive PH Church in 1958 in a revival conducted by Rev. Burgess Howell. That same week they were married and joined the Mt. Olive Church, becoming fully involved in the ministry there. After some years of serving the Lord in this capacity, Jimmy felt the call of God to preach. He attended William Carter Bible College, and soon doors were opened to him for preaching and conducting revivals. He joined the conference in 1976 and right away was assigned the Warsaw PH Church. They pastored a total of 28 years as a team. Joyce left the preaching to Jim, but her heart was in the Sunday school, where she ministered in each of their four pastorates. Joyce also worked at the conference office in Falcon for six years.

After retiring in 2004, Jim and Joyce are now back in their home in Mt. Olive and their home church, Mt. Olive First. Jim presently enjoys working with Pastor Doug Bartlett on a part-time basis, serving as congregation-care pastor and preaching when called upon. They are happy to be near their children, Anne, Neil, and Melody, and their families... six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. They send their love and prayers to all.

Rev. Emment & Esther Turner

Emment Turner turned his life over to the Lord when he was 27 years old in 1959. God called him to preach the Gospel, and he joined the Wilson First PH Church in Wilson, NC. Getting a somewhat later start than some, he wasted no time in applying for his license to preach and was ordained in the NC Conference in August 1966. He and his first wife, Pattie, whom he married in 1955, spent almost 40 years pastoring. She went to heaven in May 1999. They had three children, David, Rebecca, and Diane, all actively involved in ministry. David is a pastor, and the girls are married to pastors. He was instrumental in bringing the Friendship Church (WD) into the conference and pastored there for 19½ years. He pastored Black Creek for 17 years and Lamm's Grove and Taylors Chapel before retiring in January 2003.

In the providence of God, he was married to Esther Vaughn on July 10, 2004. They celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary in July 2008. His marriage to Esther has filled a void left by Pattie and his second wife, Elizabeth. When they all have an occasion to get together, it's quite a crowd, and Emment enjoys them every one... yours, mine, and ours!

DON'T FORGET!

Retired Ministers & Spouses

Camp Meeting Luncheon

Thursday, August 7, 2008, 12:30 p.m.
Conference Cafeteria
Falcon, North Carolina

MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME...

Recently, my good friends at the Hodges Chapel Church sent me their May 2008 ***Hodges Chapel Happenings***! This is an excellently prepared monthly newsletter from the church, edited and produced by Mrs. Judy McRoy and others who work with her. Jean and I could relate to the article below. It reminded us of some things we have heard mothers and fathers say at one time or another.

1. **My mother taught me** TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. *"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished the cleaning."*
2. **My mother taught me** RELIGION. *"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."*
3. **My mother taught me about** TIME TRAVEL. *"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"*
4. **My mother taught me** LOGIC. *"Because I said so; that's why."*
5. **My mother taught me** MORE LOGIC. *"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."*
6. **My mother taught me** FORESIGHT. *"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."*
7. **My mother taught me** IRONY. *"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."*
8. **My mother taught me about the science of** OSMOSIS. *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."*
9. **My mother taught me about** HYPOCRISY. *"If I told you once, I've told you a million times... don't exaggerate!"*
10. **My mother taught me about** ANTICIPATION. *"Just wait until we get home!"*
11. **My mother taught me about** HUMOR. *"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."*
12. **My mother taught me about** GENETICS. *"You're just like your father."*
13. **My mother taught me about my** ROOTS. *"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"*
14. **My mother taught me** WISDOM. *"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."*
15. **My mother taught me about** JUSTICE. *"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."*

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

NEW BEGINNING PH CHURCH PLYMOUTH, NC

To God be the glory! For great things He has done. The New Beginning IPH Church gives God the glory for all the ways He is blessing us in Plymouth, NC. In the past year and a half, we have worked hard to listen to the voice of the Lord and the direction He would take us. We do not want to be caught up in tradition, routines, and a form of godliness, and denying the power thereof. We have a desire for whatever God has in store for us as He continues to bless and increase the kingdom of God.

In the past year and a half the people of the church have come together in one mind and one accord and worked to remodel our sanctuary, landscape the churchyard, lay new sidewalks, and do many other things that the church needed in order to be a place of worship of which they could be proud. All of this was done by donations and hard work from the congregation. And today, with all that has been completed, more than $13,000 in cost was paid in full, leaving the church with no debt. And not one chicken gave his life for any of it! To God be the glory! We have a lot more to do as God leads. We are believing and trusting God to use us to win souls in our part of His plan and continue to grow bigger and build/buy greater facilities to use for worship, training, and fun. We are running out of space and seeking God to direct us. Is that not a great problem to have?

At the Missions dinner last year, a story was shared of a church that God changed by giving them a desire to increase their missions giving. God dealt with me on this matter, and Sister Beverly O'Neal, the Missions director, and I led the church in giving to missions. We started praying and seeking God on the direction we should take. We presented the People to People program to the church and explained how for $20 a month they could change a life. Well, God moved, and the people of the church obeyed. In 2007 we went from zero children sponsored to 29 children sponsored by the

people of New Beginning. To God be the glory! We have taken the back wall of our sanctuary and hung the profiles of all our kids. We want to see them each service and remember our commitment to them and God, as well as remember to pray for them.

We are seeking God on where He would have us go and do for Him. Jesus is coming soon, and we want to do all that He has for us to do in Plymouth, NC. God is leading us to purchase a bus for an outreach to the local mission field in Plymouth, and we have already received over $2,000. That might not seem like much for a bus, but we trust our Father in Heaven, who owns it all, to provide as we listen and do as He directs. We want to reach the local community for Jesus.

We thank God for what He is doing in Plymouth through His people. We have our prayer cross to which we nail our pray requests, and we pray over them. It is wonderful when the people gather around the altar during the Praise and Worship. I will ask for prayer requests, and people will start asking to give praise reports. Now, that is pleasing to God. And many will say, "Pastor, I nailed it to the cross, and God has answered!" What a joy it is to praise Him before we ask Him!

So we challenge everyone to add the New Beginning PH Church to your prayer list. Pray that we continue to listen to the voice of God as He directs us in winning souls for the Kingdom. Jesus is coming soon, and we want to touch every soul that He would have us reach for Him!

Rev. Donald Conway, Pastor
New Beginning PH Church, Plymouth, NC

LIFE CHURCH @ GRAY'S CREEK

Clay & Jennifer Davis, Pastors

How would I define Life Church @ Gray's Creek? Our motto is "Real People, Real Connections, Real Life." One of my favorite phrases is "just be real." We want to help people understand that it is okay to "just be real." We can be real and honest with each other. We do not always have to have it all together, and that's okay.

Real Connections. We desire to see others connected with Jesus and with others in a real and meaningful way. This is done through our Life Groups. We are using "free market" Life Groups that can be formed around any point of connection. These small groups will be the heartbeat of LC@GC.

Real Life—life more abundantly—can be experienced only as we walk in the calling and ministry that God has ordained for each one of us. We desire to see every person connected with the body of Christ and walking accordingly. God has a divine plan and purpose for each person. It is only through discovery of this purpose that we can truly live the life God intended: Real Life.

We will be holding our public launch service on January 10, 2009. This is a Saturday evening. We will have our main weekend service on Saturday and use Sunday for follow-up and outreach. This will help us ensure that we are reaching the unchurched. We will spend the next few months establishing ourselves in the community. Our plans will give us the opportunity to touch the community several times before we even begin to advertise a service. Our desire is to establish a reputation as a church that gives more to the community than it takes. This will be done by holding block parties with free food, a back-to-school bash with food, games, prizes, and activities for all ages, Sidewalk Sunday Schools, and youth events. We are working on a major event (a blood drive) that will involve both high schools in our immediate area. We are looking to partner with Angel Food Ministries and a local crisis pregnancy center as well.

LC@GC will also work to establish satellite locations in apartment communities in the area. We will hold services in the clubhouse area. These service times will be set throughout the week to help accommodate the various work and life schedules of our target audience. Our target group could be defined as 18- to 34-year-olds, singles and young families.

We will be working to develop a program for special needs children. We will work with the social service agencies that work with these children to ensure that we are meeting their specific needs. This will allow us to advertise this program through these agencies. Our goal is to be able to provide an atmosphere and care that will put parents of special needs children at ease about leaving their children and going to a worship service that they can enjoy. This is a major hindrance that keeps many special needs families out of church.

As for our style, we will have a casual atmosphere. You will be able to come in your coat and tie or in your jeans and a T-shirt, although I prefer the jeans and T-shirt myself. Our music will be contemporary and will feature a live band. We will be conservative in theology but progressive in practice. We are going after an extreme generation and must do what we can to reach them. We will not compromise the message, but we will change its packaging if that is what it takes to win the lost of this generation.

God has given us a passion and desire to plant a different kind of church. We believe God is working in many different ways to reach the lost. We believe God wants to do a new thing while still working through the established churches. God has given us a vision for our church, so we will follow that vision. While our style may not be your style, we can and will work together to build His kingdom.

Pastors Clay and Jennifer Davis have been married for 17 years and have 5 children, ages 8-16. They have served in several different churches of various sizes and backgrounds. Clay was originally licensed through Fullness of Joy Ministries in Jonesboro, Arkansas, in 1996. This ministry is a nondenominational church that came out of the C.O.G.I.C denomination. Clay has served in both volunteer and paid staff positions as youth pastor and minister of evangelism. In addition to being a mother and wife, Jennifer is self-employed as an accountant and as a partner in ministry to Clay.

Clay and Jennifer can be reached by calling (910)736-4860 or by e-mail at pastorclay@embarqmail.com. We look forward to working with you in His Kingdom!

By the time you read this article we will either be at the threshold or just past the August 10 Global Outreach Celebration. In faith and confidence I am praising God now and saying thank you for reaching and passing our stated goal of $340,000. To every church, regardless of the amount you've given, I say, "Thank you!" It is my continuing goal that every church be a part of this great opportunity to share in the harvest. Again, I say, when every pastor participates, we'll have 100% involvement.

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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The Right Path

by Andre Davenport, NC Conference Commander

As a boy I enjoyed projectiles. Who am I kidding?—I still like them! After learning to coordinate the motion of my arm with the release of my fingers, I was throwing things. It was a natural progression for me to move on to the use of a slingshot and then to the bow and arrow. As a boy I did not know it was called "archery. " In fact, it was some time after I was using this equipment that I even realized that the term referred to two separate items. The bow or the arrow was known to me jointly as the "bow'n'arrow."

A number of years ago I did a little bow hunting. It was a relatively easy progression to go from target shooting in the backyard to testing my skills in the field. On a particular outing, I met another hunter while following a trail. After losing the trail, we faced the task of making our way out of a large game reserve where we had been hunting before dusk. We found ourselves needing to cross a dense thicket. Needless to say, we were not returning the same way we had come. This area was so thick that we had to take turns leading as we slowly worked our way through. The growth blocked out the sky and sun completely, making land navigation by natural means all but impossible. Each time we switched the lead, we would veer off in a slightly different direction. You see, we each had our own opinion of which way was the right way out. However, neither of us was so committed to our own sense of direction that we would leave the other when it was not our turn to lead. Fortunately, we finally broke through the thicket and were able to find our way back. I used to think that the other guy made it out because of my persistence. Looking back, I am not so sure I can take much credit.

Just like the return from that hunt, sometimes we can be wandering around not knowing if we are on the right path. We can feel that we have heard from God and are faithfully following His leading, yet things around us would seem to indicate otherwise. We sometimes have the notion that if we are doing God's will, if we are serving Him and listening to His voice, everything should be working out all right. We feel there should be an indication of success. There should be some kind of marker or sign that this is what God really wanted of us. "If God really wanted me to be in Rangers, then there would be fifty boys in my outpost class on Wednesday evening and not just five." We long to do something big and spectacular for God, and sometimes we miss the joy of the moment in just being obedient and faithful. We discount the possibility that God may want us to pour our life into only those five boys. Jesus, after all, did not have fifty disciples. He worked with twelve, shaping and influencing them, pointing them to the Father.

I am trying to learn to follow after God with all my heart and leave the results to Him. Sure, I want the affirmation of success. I would like to think I was doing something really well. I need to continue to strive for excellence. I need to continue to do what I believe God is leading me to do, all the while knowing the results are in His hands. I know I can trust Him with the results.

One of the first quotes I can remember hearing in Royal Rangers as a leader is, "A man never stands so tall as when he stoops to help a boy." Make no mistake about it; there are boys who need you. They need your time, love, example, prayer, friendship, encouragement, and discipline—in short, they need you to stoop. They need you to lower yourself for their sake. They need your congratulations and praise in their success. They need your understanding and patience during their temporary setbacks. They need your life to be a moral compass. They need your consistency when their world seems to be shaky. They need to test their strength against yours. They need to set goals and obtain them with your guidance. They need to learn to pray by hearing you communicate with the Father. They need to see Jesus at work in your life.

If you are veering off in a slightly different direction, perhaps because of your own opinion of which way seems right, may I offer this simple recommendation. The Holy Spirit is better that any global positioning system, if we will just listen. I encourage you to be obedient and faithful as you stoop to help a boy. There is a joy in obedience and serving. I am confident that if you follow God, He will get you through any thicket you come up against.

FRESH FIRE 2008

Bring all your youth and join us for our annual Fresh Fire youth retreat on September 26-28, 2008! We are ecstatic to welcome evangelist Warren Beemer back to minister to the NC Conference youth! You will not want your youth to miss this powerful weekend of worship and Word! More information is available by calling the CEM office at (910) 980-1162.

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"He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever."
Psalm 111:5 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Holmes Bible College – A New Day

In early fall 1971, I packed my 1967 white Buick Skylark (black vinyl top) and headed out alone to Greenville, South Carolina. I had been called to preach in March. At that time I was a sophomore at North Carolina State University majoring in chemical engineering. Several had advised me to leave North Carolina State and study for the ministry at Holmes. I accepted their advice.

I had lived in the dorm at North Carolina State. I was a Christian and did not participate in all the "dorm activities." Even with that holiness stand, I was not prepared for what I found at Holmes in 1971.

The boys could not talk to the girls That was not a major problem because I had a girl back home. Everyone had to arise at 6:15 a.m. for quiet hour. That was not a major problem because I had been a working farm boy. However, lights had to be out at 10:30 p.m. That bothered me. I was a late-night reader. I was assigned a room for the first few weeks with Carl Sturkie, a married student from Columbia, South Carolina. Carl was a great man of God, but he missed his wife and children. He spoke of her often. Wow! (Carl became a great missionary in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.) You could not visit from room to room without permission. Now, that did hurt! You could not leave campus without permission. Here I was away from home. I was alone in a strange city. Holmes was different from anything to which I had ever been accustomed. The church was different. Some of the church songs I was used to were frowned upon. They did not shout as much as we did at Manley Grove. It was different, but I stayed. The Lord had led me there. I was in the will of the Lord. I was in a major learning mode.

I would remain at Holmes for three years. During that time I was introduced to the Bible. I had already read the Bible through several times, but now it became alive to me. I would never be the same.

The teachers were dedicated men and women of God. Several would make a major difference in my life – Paul F. Beacham, Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr. (presently vice chairman of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church), Kenneth Benson, Charles Butler, James Newton, and several others.

While at Holmes I was privileged to teach in the Academy. My studies at North Carolina State had prepared me. I taught geometry, economics, and general science. I also assisted Sister Nina Holmes in the library. She was such a blessing to me.

The Lord used Holmes to turn my life around and prepare me for ministry. I am not sure where I would be today without the school. I learned to live a life of trust and faith. Prayer became real to me, and a vehicle to change circumstances. The importance of world missions was instilled within me. World missions and evangelism have become a vital part of my life.

Betty and I met at Holmes. Now that is another story within itself. The Lord brought us together. By Christmas my senior year we were engaged. She actually graduated one year ahead of me. Her last two years, she was the dean of women, having charge of all the dorm girls. As we both were faculty, we did get to eat at the same table occasionally. We were married in June after I graduated in May.

Holmes opened her doors in 1898. She is the oldest continuously operating Holiness-Pentecostal school in the world. She has made a significant contribution to the Kingdom and especially to the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and world missions. Holmes is an independent school but is affiliated with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Four of the ten members of the North Carolina Conference Board are graduates of Holmes. She has for years sent missionaries around the world.

Holmes is presently going through a major metamorphosis. The school is relocating. A new building ($1.7 million) has been built on a new 42-acre campus. The building is absolutely beautiful and is built for service. The campus is at the foot of Paris Mountain across from Furman University. (Paris Mountain is where the school began.)

This fall session will open in the new building. It is a new day for Holmes. The emphases, teachings, and principles of the School have not changed. She is still a Bible-believing and -teaching school, with the Bible as the chief textbook. The school is Evangelical, Holiness, and Pentecostal. The students are expected to give their lives over to the leading and directing of the Holy Spirit.

The need for a Bible school like Holmes is greater in our world now than ever before. One has only to see the need and then see how the Holy Spirit is raising up training centers all over the world. Young people today are willing to give their lives to the Lord, but they must be taught. Holmes can fill that bill. May her ministry continue and expand.

Holmes has always been a "faith school." Very little tuition is charged to the students. The school primarily operates through the gifts of those who support the Holmes vision and through the blessings of the Lord. Presently, the school is in need of relocation funds (some $750,000) and furniture in the new building (some $75,000). The Lord is at work. He will continue to be Jehovah-Jireh. She is needed for the world – now!

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Twelve Challenges Churches Face

by Mark Dever. Wheaton: Crossway Books. 192 pages.

Mark Dever, the senior pastor of Capitol Hill Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., serves as the executive director of 9Marks, a ministry that helps pastors and leaders cultivate health in the local church. His other books include *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, The Deliberate Church,* and *What Is a Healthy Church?*

Most pastors interviewing for positions usually include the fact that they enjoy taking on challenges. However, more than most have endured what Charles Spurgeon referred to as the "Fainting Fits," which are the great pressures upon the Christian minister to lose heart. In some cases, the reverend name is not "hallowed" as we would desire. Philip Hughes wrote, "In the service of Christ... there may be disappointments, but there cannot be despair; there may be conflicts, but never doubt; there may be afflictions, but never without comfort."

In 2008, many challenges confront local pastors and churches. Dever has identified 12, based on his study of 1 Corinthians, but there are certainly more than these. The author includes (1) forgetfulness, (2) division, (3) imposters, (4) sin, (5) asceticism, (6) disobedience, (7) legalism, (8) autonomy, (9) thoughtlessness, (10) selfishness, (11) death, and (12) decline as the great challenges of the Corinthian church.

The Apostle Paul was gravely concerned about what happened inside the church. In striving to be a continuation of the true apostolic church, we should pay the more earnest heed to the words of the great apostle, who recognized that in weakness came strength, and in meekness came the essential divine guidance that gave grace and peace to those who submitted to God's authority. The Scriptures do not send us away to do our own thing. Living in the center of God's will remains the exclusive lifestyle for the Spirit-led believer.

While advocating church health, Dever tackles tough issues such as church contentions and splits, denominational disputes, sexual immorality, false ministers, consumerist impulses, rampant idolatry, and lawsuits. He states, "We do not want to bring our petty disputes, which can so easily misrepresent the good news of Christ, to unbelievers; we want to bring them the gospel instead." Sometimes in maintaining church health, tough decisions have to be made, including excommunication of brazen and unrepentant "sinners"!

Even more critical is the kind of Christianity Christians present and portray to the world as "outsiders." Dever acknowledges that Christianity is being "repackaged to present a God without wrath bringing people without sin into a kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a cross." All is lost if the message is changed to accommodate the palates of "seekers" to bring them in. A simple decision does not guarantee a disciple. Have we swallowed hook, line, and sinker the belief that the church that grows must become like its culture to be successful? If the modern Christian isn't much different than the sinner, what does he or she really have to offer, other than perhaps giving more bang for the buck? This reason alone is sufficient to support that current presentations of the gospel should not be the work of marketers but the work of our best theologians.

Key principles emerge worth noting, such as these: (1) The church has a unique charge with the gospel and must act to protect its witness to it. (2) Unrepentant sin in Christians must cease. (3) When discipline leaves the Church, Christ goes with it. (4) If you are alive, you are alive for God. (5) We learn obedience by good teaching, and knowledge should be guided by love. (6) A Christlike life is marked supremely by self-sacrificial love lived out for the good of others. (7) We must flee idolatry, including "the idol of worship." (8) We must not forbid what Scripture allows. (9) We must not allow what Scripture forbids. (10) Our ultimate goal should always be the pleasure of God. (11) Christianity is a force for society's respecting women. (12) Division in the church undermines its true identity. (13) We must practice thanking God for the diversity of gifts evidenced in our churches. (14) The resurrection is our great hope, a new life forever with God. (15) No problem we have is unsolvable to God. (16) As Christians, our best days are most assuredly ahead of us.

Though not intended to be a serious study of 1 Corinthians, including exegetical and hermeneutical considerations, Dever does establish vital truths and principles based on God's Word and makes adequate application for today.

The Supremacy of Christ in a Postmodern World

John Piper and Justin Taylor, general editors. Wheaton: Crossway Books. 191 pages.

These are not the worst of times; according to Scripture, the worst is yet to come. We also know that these are not the best of times because, according to Scripture, the best is yet to come. Beyond the worst and best, however, these are the only times we have at the moment. The present state of affairs, religiously speaking, is that some want to place the emphasis on culture while others contend the call of the church is to remain true to the centrality of the Cross and the Christ who suffered, bled, and died on that Cross for our sins, making eternal life possible for all who believe. Indeed, Christ reigns supreme over a dying, decaying, and hurting postmodern world.

The challenges of dealing with postmodernism are not going away. Everyone has a position one way or another on postmodern issues. What's at stake is the truth of the deity of Jesus Christ and the gospel. Many propose that life is hopelessly fragmented and truth an elusive dream, resulting in reality collapsing into the self. Today we witness exponential growth of "me-ism." The one thing every child of God can be sure of is that God's truth is knowable. Does this matter? It makes all the difference in and out of this world. Without truth, reality will never be understood. Without God's truth, there is no constant or compass for sure direction.

This book contains six messages under three main headings (1) Culture and Truth, (2) Joy and Love, and (3) Gospel Theologizing and Contextualizing. The contributors to this volume include David Wells, John Piper, D. A. Carson, Mark Driscoll, Tim Keller, and Voddie Baucham, Jr. The burden of the authors is the message and mission of the Church in the postmodern world; the essayists are concerned about how to present the truth of God's Word and reach as many as possible for Christ.

David Wells writes the first essay and focuses on two major developments in these postmodern times, namely, the emergence of the postmodern ethos and the growing religious and spiritual diversity. Both clash with the true theistic worldview and break down the traditional views of classical Christianity. Postmodern proponents seek to redefine the meaning of the biblical text to accommodate the changing times and the emergence of various forms of spirituality. The rejection of Bible absolutes is essentially a rejection of God himself. The key questions are, "Who is Jesus Christ?" and "What place does Christianity have in the world?" Emergents strike at the foundation of our faith and express themselves in the language of the meaninglessness of life. And that's the way it will always be. Take Christ off His throne, and change or deny His Word, and meaninglessness will follow. No one can fight God and win.

While the world fails to realize just how great and holy the Lord Jesus Christ really is, what happens when the Church loses sight of His supremacy? Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel because it presented a Christ victorious over sin and Satan. Fate does not govern our future; God does.

Through Christ we have access by one Spirit unto God the Father. Is there another Mediator? Through Christ we have redemption. Is there another Redeemer? Whose name given among men replaces His name, whereby we must be saved? What king, alive or dead, compares with the King of kings? What lord is equivalent to the Lord of lords in majesty and splendor? Show us the wealth and the realm of his or her power; then let us speak of "death." Another "Christ" shall come, but he will be a liar. If the promise of Christ's presence is untrue or reduced in some way, who will remain by your side in the midst of the storm? When the time comes for every knee to bow and every tongue to confess, who will stand in defiance against the incomparable Christ and rebelliously hold the tongue? When the Lord of glory declares, "Depart from me," who will be able to resist and remain near?

The merits of God's Son mark Him as supreme over all creation and over all the church. The name of God is not sanctified but through Jesus Christ. As we acknowledge Christ, He will be sanctified in those who draw near to Him, "for of him, and through Him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." *(Ecclesiastes 1:1)*

Do you remember, "School days, school days, dear old golden rule days; readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic, taught to the tune of a hick'ry stick." I used to sing this little chorus to my daughter when summer was over and it was time to get prepared for the new school year. It has been a wonderful, busy summer, but it's now time to begin our fall activities.

For North Carolina Women's Ministries, plans are being made for Feast of Ingathering. We would like to encourage all our WM groups to participate by taking up an offering and bringing it to district conference. The NCWM goal this year is $75,000. The district conference schedule has been sent to all pastors, and all WM directors should have received a copy with our third-quarter WM Newsletter.

The NCWM board and I will travel to Holmes Bible College and Emmanuel College on October 2 and 3 to carry the funds received. We look forward to this special time to represent the NC Conference and to fellowship with our students. They bless us with their excitement and zeal.

Don't forget we have Matching Funds forms available, which can be used to double your dollars. NCWM board member Darnell Nelms will be happy to help you. Her number is (252) 268-8655.

Thank you for all you do for Women's Ministries. We are making a difference!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...Things to do with tape.

- Tame scratchy clothes – Annoyed by a shirt label rubbing the back of your neck? Tape down the label so it lies flat.
- Save a button – If threads are becoming loose, put a small piece of tape over them to hold the button in place.
- Unstick plastic wrap – Can't find the end of the roll? Lift it up with a piece of tape touched to the edge.
- Steady a candle – Fit candle snugly in the holder by wrapping a few layers around the bottom to secure it.

Rocky Mount District WM Rally

For the first time in its history, Thomas Chapel PH Church hosted the Rocky Mt. District WM Rally on April 19. Several of our district churches were represented, as well as women from other churches in the Henderson area.

Pat Eatmon, First Lady of the Spring Hope PH Church, was our guest speaker and delivered an inspiring message on "Speaking the Word."

Approximately 50 people attended. Lunch followed our meeting. It was a time of worship and fellowship. Thank you to all who helped make our day a success.

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Thoughts About Prayer

Prayer is our way of communicating with God. We should cherish the moments that we spend talking with God. I know when I am praying, I can feel His holy presence all over me. I believe when I need something, I can ask Him, and if it is His will, He will provide. In Mark 11:24, we find these words: "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them." God tells us that the key to our prayers is to believe. I also think that we should believe in one another. We need prayer partners in our lives. There comes a time when we just cannot pray for ourselves, and we need others to intervene for us.

I recently had surgery, and I realized why we ask people to pray for us. For about two weeks I had medical devices attached to my body that took all my attention. I was so consumed with taking care of these devices that I could not focus on prayer for myself. This does not mean that I became any less a Christian, but I needed people who loved me and were willing to stand in the gap through prayer for me. The point I am trying to make is that when people come to you and ask you to pray for them, whatever the reason may be, remember to lift them up in prayer. They are counting on you to do this for them, or they would not have asked you.

I cherish having people who love me enough to pray for me. I value them and their prayers as much as I cherish the time I spend talking with God. How about you?

James 5:15; *"And the prayer of faith shall save the sick."*

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Praying in the Name of Jesus

by Pastor Jerry R. Nelson

We have a legal right as believers to pray in the name of Jesus. In a world of political correctness, we need to invoke the name of Jesus whenever we pray. When I hear Christians end their prayers with the phrase "in your name we pray," it makes my spirit cringe. God has given Jesus a name above every name, and Jesus has given His Church the right to use His name. His name carries power in three worlds. It carries power in heaven, in earth, and in hell, and when we pray in the name of Jesus, our prayers carry this same power.

There are two ways to use the name of Jesus effectively in prayer:

1. The Prayer of Petition – Just before Jesus returned to His heavenly Father, He told His disciples in John 16:23, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, **he will give it you**." (The Father does this.)

The prayer of petition is addressed to the Father in the name of Jesus. One of the best ways to get definite results when you pray the prayer of petition is to pray the Word of God. God said in Isaiah 43:26, "Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified." When we pray the Word and remind God of what He has said and plead together with Him, our Father will confirm His word. Those who are mighty in prayer pray the promises of God in faith, expecting the manifestation of answered prayer. Prayer is not enough. We must know that God has heard us and that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. Look at 1 John 5:14, 15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." Jesus said in John 16:23, "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, **he will give it you**."

2. The Command of Faith – When I was first saved, I was facing a great need, and while in prayer, I asked the Lord to move a mountain. And the Lord spoke into my spirit and said, "You move it!" And I asked, "Lord, how can I move that mountain?" And the Lord said, "Speak to it!" Jesus said in Mark 11:23, "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

Jesus said in John 14:12, 13, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, **that will I do**, [The Son does this!] that the Father may be glorified in the Son." When we give the command of faith in the name of Jesus, we are using the authority given to us by our Lord. That is what Peter did in Acts 3 at the Beautiful Gate. Peter did not petition the Father and ask the Father to heal this man. He simply used the name of Jesus and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk," and immediately the man was healed. In Acts 16, Paul used the name of Jesus to cast out a demon when he said, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her."

Remember, as a child of God, you have a right to petition the Father in the name of Jesus. You also have the right to cast out devils, to heal the sick, and to do other wonderful works in the name of Jesus. When our prayers are answered, it glorifies the Father, it magnifies the Son, and it meets the need of suffering humanity. May God richly bless you with answered prayers.

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What Is True Happiness?

Do you know what true happiness is? I believe I have an idea of what it takes to be truly happy!

First of all, if we are totally convinced of the love of our Lord for us, then we can go in the assurance that anything that comes our way is for our good! We can stand when others around us would just melt with no hope, as we stand firm with faith that God will sustain us. Ephesians 3:19-20 – "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

So many times in this life, things have come to harm or discourage us, but God has a way of turning things around for our good even though we may not see it at the time. I know recently a storm came through Falcon, and there was some "electrifying" lightning in that storm, to say the least. We had to have our air conditioner and refrigerator worked on, but it made us that much more thankful that our house did not catch on fire! God was in control.

During that same week, we had a police chase end up in front of our house with sheriff's deputies and cars all around our house! Thankfully, we were not at home, but at the first night of camp meeting. The man they were after had hit several motorcycles and their riders and had driven away. He was chased from Newton Grove up Hwy 13 and then Hwy 82, and then ditched his car and ran into the woods behind our house. We found out after church that they still hadn't caught him, and the deputies were going to check around our house and then go home. Needless to say, we are human and left spotlights on all around our house that night. But we also felt at peace and slept like babies because we knew that God had already protected us.

We never know what Satan will send our way, but God is faithful to be there and take care of the whole situation.

Another way of being happy in Christ and in His service is to recognize that if we pray for God's will in our lives, we can believe that whatever comes to us is God's will, and He will be there with us no matter what. I remember when the Stationing Committee would determine where each minister would serve as pastor. I remember hearing a person say that he "did not like the idea of a table full of men deciding what God's will for his life was." I have learned throughout my Christian life that when you pray for God's will, neither man nor evil forces can change God's will. God is sovereign, and if something is bound between God and us, He will perform it. God does allow things to come into our lives that, as humans, we may question. But God has a plan for our lives, and we must trust Him in love and thankfulness with everything that touches us. Because of some of the things we must go through, God teaches us we might minister to someone else in the same situation.

I am not naïve in thinking that we are to be happy when we have an overwhelming loss in our lives, but I know that my Redeemer liveth and is able to keep us and give us peace in the midst of trouble. John 16:33 says, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

We are living in the very last days of this earth, and you have to be blind not to even realize all of the signs that are given in the Bible! This world is groaning for redemption and is quickly falling apart. Humanity is continuing to turn on itself. But God gave us His Word and His precious Holy Spirit to keep us and guide us in all we are to do in these last days. Luke 21:28 reads like this: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

So what does it mean to be truly happy? When we realize the overwhelming love God has for us, then we can have peace and know God has our lives in His hands. God truly loves and cares for us. He knows our heartaches and our deepest need and will fill that need through His grace and mercy. "[Cast] all your care upon him; for he careth for you... But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:7, 10).

Our love and prayers are with you all!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

It's School Time Again!

It seems that no sooner than the young people get out of school, they are going back, and their summer vacation is over. To me, that is sad because I feel they deserve to have a break from classes while they can enjoy it.

I always enjoyed the freedom of summer and all of the opportunities to learn new things, especially with my friends, and then to do some things with my family that were not possible in the wintertime. But as time would have it, the summer would be over, and school would start again in the fall.

In the early years of the Pentecostal Church, the young people were sometimes persecuted and made fun of in the public schools, and thus God dealt with people such as Julius A. Culbreth about providing a religious school education for the children. Brother Culbreth, in the February 1, 1926, *Apostolic Evangel*, gave the explanation for starting the Falcon Holiness School. Because of the need for a religious school, Brother Culbreth felt a definite call from God to do something about it.

There were many reasons for starting the school. Brother Culbreth had no confidence in the public schools and those who were in authority over them. There were too few religious schools available, and "the expenses attached to sending children to distant boarding schools made it impractical with most people to do so. The name, The Falcon Holiness School, was not chosen for the purpose of popularizing the school, but rather to distinguish it from other schools which ridiculed holiness, and to designate it as an educational work that would refute the idea that holiness people did not believe in education" (from *The Apostolic Evangel,* printed on p. 221 of *A History of Falcon North Carolina*).

The school opened in September 1902 in the back of the old William Culbreth Store, and the first teacher was Mrs. Berta Maxwell. The school soon outgrew the store space and moved to the Octagon Tabernacle for a while. Because the camp meeting needed a permanent building, as well as the Falcon Holiness School, funds were raised, and a new building was started. The plan called for two 25 x 40-foot rooms above the tabernacle to be used for classrooms. The two rooms above the tabernacle began to be used as a school on September 7, 1903. This school building was in use until January 14, 1926, when a fire broke out in the building, and almost everything was destroyed.

When I came to this job, I found an old box in the file room with soot-covered books and *Apostolic Evangels*. I have started to clean the books and things with what is called a dry cleaning pad, and have really found some gems. Also, because of the nature of the items found, we have a glimpse into this time of our history and the types of interests that they had in those days.

Brother Culbreth soon sent out a letter to solicit funds to rebuild the school. Slowly the funds were raised, and the building began to take shape. The Octagon Tabernacle and the girls' dormitory were used for classes. The girls' dormitory was a huge house on the corner of Front and West Streets. The new school building was started with $150 in the treasury, and as a room of the new building was completed, it would be put to use as a classroom. The school building was to consist of ten rooms and a large auditorium. May 1927 was the commencement for the school and was, for the first time, held in the school.

Years went by with a lot of changes, such as "from 1942 to 1954, only elementary students attended the Falcon School. The high school students were bused to Central High School on Highway 301, which was 9 miles away. In 1954, the Falcon Elementary School was consolidated with the Godwin, Wade and South River Elementary Schools into a large elementary school located five miles southwest of Falcon. The name of the school was District Seven" (from p. 287 of *A History of Falcon North Carolina*).

At this writing, the Falcon School Alumni still have a meeting in Falcon on the third Saturday of August every year at the Culbreth Memorial Church. There are still several of the alumni that make every effort to come to the meeting each year.

Schools have changed tremendously in the last century, but we still need to continue to teach our children and their children the values that we hold dear. Deuteronomy 4:9-10 says, "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children."

May God bless!
—Betty T.

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Unidos Es Mejor

Uno de los significados del término mejor quiere decir que es más bueno que aquello con lo que se compara. Por el tema que estoy tratando aquí, la comparación es hecha con respecto a estar solos, caminar solos, servir o trabajar solos. Es mucho mejor estar unidos que solos, porque juntos y unidos somos mejores, hacemos las cosas mejor, servimos al Señor mucho mejor y podemos conquistar este estado para el reino de Cristo mucho mejor. Seremos más efectivos y logramos más unidos que caminar por nuestra propia cuenta. Ser miembro y parte de la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte no es simplemente tener que guardar una serie de reglas o cumplir con una cantidad de obligaciones, para mi ser miembro de la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte es estar unidos a un cuerpo de cristianos e iglesias con quienes nos unimos para vivir mejor, servir mejor y lograr mejores cosas para Dios.

La Palabra de Dios en Eclesiastés 4:9 dice "Mejores son dos que uno..." Si la Palabra de Dios lo dice, es verdad. No somos tan buenos si estamos solos o nos movemos por nuestra propia cuenta. Jesús en Juan 15:5 hace la siguiente declaración: "Yo soy la vid, vosotros los pámpanos; el que permanece en mí, y yo en él, éste lleva mucho fruto; porque separados de mí nada podéis hacer." En este versículo el tópico no es solo la necesidad de nuestra dependencia de Cristo, es también la necesidad de estar unidos a él. Jesús dice si permanecemos unidos "los pámpanos a la vid" "el que permanece en mí, y yo en él" esto es unidad con Cristo. El resultado de esta unidad es que seré poderosamente afectado por la vida de Cristo, de tal manera que llevaré mucho fruto. Si no estamos unidos a Jesús, nada podemos hacer. Ahora traslademos este principio al cuerpo de Cristo, es decir entre nosotros como miembros, si no estamos unidos, no podemos hacer nada solos.

En 1 Corintios 12: 14 dice "Además, el cuerpo no es un solo miembro, sino muchos." Si usted sigue leyendo el capítulo 12, descubrirá que no somos miembros solitarios, independientes, autosuficientes y superiores, sino que formamos parte de un todo, en donde funcionamos de maneras distintas, tenemos ministerios variados y realizamos labores diversas, pero pertenecemos a un cuerpo en donde nos necesitamos unos a otros y en el que si estamos unidos, podemos ser mejores en el cumplimiento de los planes de Dios.

Usted no es miembro de la Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal, solo para cumplir con un requisito de membresía a una organización cristiana, o en donde usted cumple con lo ordenado en la escala de deberes. La iglesia Santidad Pentecostal es un ejército, una iglesia, un grupo de cristianos que forman parte del cuerpo universal de Cristo, en donde unidos nos podemos moldear el carácter, nos podemos cuidar mutuamente, ayudar mutuamente, guiar, enseñar, exhortar y practicar estrategias para alcanzar a nuestras comunidades para Cristo.

Algunos se quejan de tener que diezmar, enviar reportes, atender actividades y cumplir con ciertas cosas, pero todo eso debe verse como parte de nuestra responsabilidad, y más que eso, debe verse como un privilegio. Si usted se queja de tener que hacer estas cosas, está perdiendo su tiempo y energía, mientras se le pasan las oportunidades de alabar a Dios por su iglesia, su conferencia, sus líderes y desarrollar un amor por el lugar donde usted es miembro.

El poder de estar unidos es ilustrado con varios ejemplos de la vida, veamos algunos de ellos. Piense en los ingredientes para preparar una comida. Un solo ingrediente no lo hace todo. Se necesita la sal, los condimentos, la carne, etc. Todos juntos harán posible un delicioso platillo para satisfacer el gusto de la persona. Veamos las piezas de un motor. Una sola pieza no es todo el motor; se necesitan varias y todas unidas entre sí, construyen una máquina que funciona maravillosamente. Una sola pieza no lo hace, pero todas juntas logran algo. Has visto una casa, está compuesta de varias partes, una sola parte no hace la casa, se necesitan muchas partes y todas unidas logran formar un hermoso hogar.

Así nosotros; solos, por sí mismos, independientes, autosuficientes, alejados, por nuestra propia cuenta; no podemos hacer mucho, casi nada, pero unidos en Cristo, somos mejores y podemos lograr mucho para nosotros mismos, para nuestras familias, para nuestras congregaciones y nuestras comunidades. Si usted es miembro de un cuerpo de cristianos como la Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal, busque la comunión, la unidad con otros líderes, practique el servicio para ayudar a otros, esté alegre cumpliendo con sus responsabilidades.

La Biblia nos enseña varias cosas que suceden solo si estamos y vivimos en unidad. Estar cerca unos de otros, amarnos unos a otros, ayudarnos unos a otros, exhortarnos unos a otros, orar unos por otros, animarnos unos a otros, guiarnos unos a otros, enseñarnos unos a otros y muchas otras referencias, sin embargo todo esto solo sucede si estamos unidos, nos buscamos y tomamos la iniciativa en forma voluntaria de estar juntos. Hechos 2:1-4 nos dice que el derramamiento del Espíritu Santo sucedió sobre un grupo de hermanos que estaban todos ***unánimes juntos***.

Sabe usted el poder que se desata cuando nos ponemos de acuerdo a pesar de nuestras diferencias y caminamos "***unánimes juntos***" en la Iglesia Santidad Pentecostal? Lograremos mayores cosas para Dios, seremos mejores; lograremos un impacto sobre nuestras ciudades. Son varios los niveles en los que podemos practicar el estar unidos. Debemos hacerlo en la iglesia local en donde somos miembros; también debemos hacerlo en nuestra Conferencia al unirnos con nuestros líderes y otros ministros. Finalmente lo hacemos al buscar la unidad con otras congregaciones que no son de la misma denominación en la ciudad donde vivimos y servimos al Señor

Jesús dijo en Juan 10:17 "...habrá un rebaño y un pastor." El rebaño es la iglesia, el pastor es Cristo mismo. Cómo puede usted caminar en forma independiente y solitaria si la Biblia dice que "somos miembros los unos de los otros". Usted debe ser promotor de la unidad entre hermanos; debe ser un pacificador; debe estar del lado de Dios en unir la iglesia, no debilitarla, dividirla, separarla, sino fortalecerla y crear un ambiente en donde nos sintamos amados, perdonados, aceptados y cuidados. Recuerde solos y separados no podemos hacer nada, *unidos somos mejores.*

Better Together

Some of the meanings of the term *better* are "comparative of good; superior in excellence; of higher quality." On the topic that I'm sharing here, the comparison is made with respect to being alone, walking alone, serving or working alone. It's much better to be united than alone because we are better together and united; we do things better, serve the Lord much better, and we can win this state for the kingdom of Christ much better. We will be more effective and accomplish more united than walking on our own. Being a member and part of the North Carolina Conference is not simply having to comply with a set of rules or work with a number of obligations; to me, being a member of the North Carolina Conference is being attached to a body of Christians and churches who unite to live better, serve better, and do better things for God.

The Word of God in Ecclesiastes 4:9 says, "Two are better than one..." If the Word of God says it, it is true. We are not so good if we are alone or we move on our own. Jesus, in John 15:5, makes the following statement: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." In this verse the topic is not only the need to depend on Christ, is also the need to be united to him. Jesus says if we stand united as the branches are united to the vine, if we remain in him and he in us, this is unity with Christ. The result of this unity is that I will be powerfully affected by the life of Christ, so that I will bring forth much fruit. If we are not united with Jesus, nothing can be done. Now move this principle to the body of Christ, among us as members; if we are not united, we cannot do anything alone.

In 1 Corinthians 12:14 the Word says, "For in fact the body is not one member but many." If you read chapter 12, you will discover that we are not lonely members, independent, self-reliant, and superior to others, but are part of a whole where we operate differently, have various ministries, and perform various tasks, but belong to a body where we need each other and where, if we are united, we can be better in fulfilling the plans of God.

You are not a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church only to meet a requirement of membership in a Christian organization, or meet what is ordered on the scale of duties. The Pentecostal Holiness Church is an army, a church, a group of Christians who are part of the universal body of Christ, where together we can shape character, look after each other, help each other, guide, teach, and exhort each other, and practice strategies to reach our communities for Christ.

Some complain of having to tithe, send reports, attend activities, and comply with certain things, but all this must be seen as part of our responsibility, and more than that, it must be seen as a privilege. If you complain about having to do these things, you are losing time and energy, while you are passing up opportunities to praise God for your church, your conference, and your leaders and develop a love for the place where you are a member.

The power of being united is illustrated with several examples from life; let's look at some of them. Think of the ingredients to prepare a meal. A single ingredient does not make a meal. You need salt, condiments, meat, etc. Together they will enable a delicious dish to satisfy the tastes of the person. Let's look at the parts of an engine. One piece is not the entire engine; several others, all linked together, are needed to build a machine that works beautifully. A single piece does not make anything, but all together achieve something. Have you seen a house, consisting of several parts? One part does not make the house; it takes many parts all fit together to form a beautiful home.

So we alone, by ourselves, independent, self-reliant, away on our own, can't do much. We can do almost anything united in Christ; we are better and can achieve much for ourselves, for our families, for our congregations and our communities. If you are a member of a body of Christians such as the Pentecostal Holiness Church, look for communion, unity with other leaders, practice service to help others, and be happy to meet all your responsibilities.

The Bible teaches us several things that happen only if we are and live together. Being close to each other, loving each other, and helping each other, we call each other, pray for each other, encourage each other, guide each other, and teach each other, among many other things; however, this happens only if we are united. We ought to seek and take the initiative on a voluntary basis to be together. Acts 2:1-4 tells us that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit happened in a group of brethren who were all with one accord in one place.

You know the power unleashed when we agree despite our differences and walk in "one accord together" in the Pentecostal Holiness Church? We will achieve greater things for God; we will be better; we will achieve an impact on our cities. There are several levels at which we can practice being united. We must do this in the local church where we are members, also in the level of our conference to unite with our leaders and other ministers. Finally we seek unity with other congregations that are not of the same denomination in the city where we live and serve the Lord.

Jesus said in John 10:16 "... and there will be one flock and one shepherd." The flock is the church; the pastor is Christ himself. How can you walk independently and lonely if the Bible says that "we are members one of another"? You must be a promoter of unity among brethren; you must be a peacemaker; you should be on the side of God in joining the church, not weakening, dividing, or separating, but strengthening it and creating an atmosphere where we feel loved, forgiven, accepted and cared for. Remember being by ourselves and separated, we cannot do anything. We are *better together.*

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

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Celebrating 65 years together!

Where Are They Now...?

Hildred and Mary Potter

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Potter, Sr., of New Bern, now deceased, gave to the church several of their children to be strong witnesses for the cause of Christ. One of them was Hildred, the fourth of six children. Hildred was converted to Christ in 1954 when Rev. Joe L. Russell, Sr., was pastor of the New Bern PH Church. Somehow Hildred knew, even from his youth, that he would carry the Gospel. After high school he entered Holmes Bible College and graduated in 1957. He joined the conference that same year and was assigned his first pastorate, Oriental. He was ordained in 1959. Rev. and Mrs. Potter retired in 1997.

Hildred married Mary Strickland in 1950, and she has been a big support to her husband through all their over 40 years in the pastorate. They were excellent pastors and were greatly used by the Lord in building His kingdom both spiritually and physically. He served on the conference CE board for many years as well as on various other boards and committees either appointed or elected. Both have had physical problems in recent years that have greatly limited their ministerial activities. They live in their home in Greenville, North Carolina, where Hildred continues to work at his locksmith business. Though not seen as often as in recent years, they love the Lord and continue in His service.

Robert and Patsy Payne

As a child of 12 years old, Patsy Payne gave her heart to the Lord in Duncan, North Carolina. She had godly parents who, by example, influenced her to give her life in service to the Master. When she was 24 years old, she became serious about the ministry, something she knew she was called to do from her childhood. Immediately she started preaching and teaching in the prisons, in rest homes, on the streets, and in the Sunday school class. In 1977 Patsy and Robert, whom she married in December 1955, moved back to North Carolina and began working faithfully in the Sanford First Church (then Woodland Avenue). She received her mission worker's license in 1982, minister's license in 1992, was ordained in 2001, and retired in 2005.

Mrs. Payne has hosted over a dozen trips to the Holy Land, has traveled extensively, and still travels when possible. She is presently engaged in ministry at nursing and rehabilitation centers, shares God's Word with shut-ins, assists when needed at the Covenant Community Church near Woodlake, and serves as WM director of the Fayetteville District.

The Paynes are ministry people in music and in Word. Their purpose is to do the will of God for as long they can, and we believe they can for many more years to come.

– Plan Now to Attend –

Retired Ministers and Spouses

Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 11 o'clock a.m.
Conference Cafeteria/Training Center
Falcon, North Carolina

THE CAMP MEETING LUNCHEON WELL ATTENDED!

I heard it said by one of our retired ministers, "I'm glad we have these rallying points during the year; it keeps us together." Another minister said, "It's like a watering hole in the dry desert."

Rev. Calvin & Marie Anderson New Retirees

Rev. Bobby & Margie Howard New Retirees

Of course, what they were talking about is **fellowship**. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."* –Psalm 133:1

The Camp Meeting Luncheon is designed to be a simple gathering of the retired. There is no long, planned-out program. The only thing of business is the introducing of our newly retired ministers and their spouses. We use a few minutes to love on them, express our appreciation for their years spent in the ministry, and welcome them to our fellowship. Beyond that, we make a few announcements of upcoming events, complete our meal, and enjoy being together.

But these and other activities planned during the year for the retired minister are something that not every conference does. In some conferences probably little or nothing is done to express appreciation to a retiring minister for a lifetime of service in God's kingdom. This is sad. We wish it were not so.

We are grateful to our conference leadership, especially our Bishop, D. Chris Thompson, for keeping alive some activities we have enjoyed through the years and even adding to those pleasures as time has passed. The conference has elevated us to a department status, provided a budget, appointed a director and board, and permitted us to develop our programs from year to year. *Nothing we do costs the retired ministers.* It is part of our ongoing expression of appreciation to them for services rendered. Now, you can't get much better than that!

As a department board, we want our conference to know how very much this is appreciated. We thank you and love you for it.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

THANK YOU, "TANNIE"

by Althea Meyer

A simple thanks can never express the deep gratefulness for 14 years of time and life spent with a mentor or coach engaging one into fulfilling one's life goal in God's plan and purpose. A simple thanks, though, is where the expressed gratefulness can start, and in this article may it extend to the level of giving honor to my mentor, coach, and coworker, Elizabeth Rogers. May all we achieved together as a working team in the ministry field give honor to our God, whom we serve. Every task we had was overwhelming, and through it all, we held on to the lessons taught by our Lord. He taught us to trust in Him through all challenges and circumstances, then to give Him glory for all.

I met Elizabeth Rogers in 1994 in South Africa while she and the ADVANCE teaching team came to White River to use the boarding facilities at Petra College, the children's workers' training centre for South Africa, where I was on staff. Gaby, my daughter, met her first in the TV room, and with Gaby's boldness to connect, she kept a long enough conversation with Elizabeth to close an adoption agreement that Elizabeth Rogers would be her "newly adopted grandmother"!

At breakfast time the next morning, Gaby took me to meet Elizabeth Rogers. While meeting her and hearing that she was a missionary to Africa from the U.S.A., my mind tried to conceive God's calling on her life to Africa, versus her physical appearance. Her appearance was pale, thin, tall, and soft, with an excellent communicating skill. Her skill drew me to her, and her desire to pray with me early in the morning ended up in a friendship, I believe through eternity. And little did I know then that her ministry excellence and integrity would impact my life. I soon learned that "Betty" did things at her own pace, and as a result, her end product has a high standard, and she delivers excellence. This has become my life and ministry challenge – keeping my pace. We became iron holders, and our teamwork in ministry kept sharpening skills and trust in the Lord through the challenges we faced daily.

At the end of 1994 I moved away from White River and moved closer to the Africa IPHC Ministries Headquarters in Krugersdorp to live with my mother. I discovered that Betty and she had become good friends. My mom helped Betty overcome some physical challenges and fed her "good, home-cooked" meals. The two of them became good chatting buddies and were always solving problems. Through the years, the two of them maintained a mutual, blessed friendship. Through my mother, Betty had a loving South African mom and family home to be a part of. Soon Carl, my son, also adopted her as his grandmother.

"Tannie," the Afrikaans word for "Mam," became her calling name, recognizing her as my aunt. Looking back now, I see how God's hand was on her life, directing her to be connected with our family. Together we have prayed our family through tests, challenges, and choices. Elizabeth's wisdom in a situation proclaims her just sense of perceptions. Her heart is full of compassion, and her goal is to see the harvest field filled with harvest workers.

Her gift in teaching should be shared with the world. Out of all my teachers, I never wanted to miss a class she taught. Her gift of teaching compels one to excellence in the English language and the subjects she teaches. It drives one to the mission field, and it fills one's heart with determination to flow from compassion. May your life still be impacted by her skills and gifts when you embrace her should you meet her again!

I have one thing to say to her. "Tannie, it is too soon to lay off or retire! May the workplace God has for you realize your value in God's Kingdom. I surely do. You are a master in your gifted area. Go make disciples. You made me a disciple; pursue doing it for others until Jesus comes and finish your race. May God open a strategic door for you and meet your needs as your provider. Thank you for sowing into my life!

Potter's Vessel Church: New Church Plant in Linden, N.C.

"The Journey"

The name comes from Jeremiah 18:4... "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

We are all vessels of clay. And we become marred (in the hand) of the Potter. God will, in His mercy and wisdom, make us again and again into vessels that will bring even more glory to Him.

Our vision is "to know who God is and who we are in Christ Jesus." Our mission is that God, through us, can rebuild broken lives. As vessels He uses us, anoints us, and gifts us for the benefit of others.

P.V.C. was planted in our spirits when we met with Bishop Chris Thompson. I had been ordained a long time but never thought about planting a church. Then over a year went by before we had God's go-ahead. We had many people encourage us. During this time we attended a ministers' retreat through the conference. On February 18, 2007, the Sunday after the retreat, God said, "Start because you love me."

God had me call everyone I knew and tell people we were starting the church. To my surprise, people came. The first service was held in our den at 2:30 in the afternoon on Sunday so that people from other churches could come and help us.

During this time we had an Easter Extravaganza. God is faithful, and we had 41 people come. We had three salvations that day; to God be the glory.

Then we reached 20 people in attendance, and God said, "Move." Rev. Janice Marshburn called that day. She had never called me before, and she said God told her to pay the first month's rent on our building (which we didn't have yet). Then Rev. Gary Strickland said to us that Kingdom Place was to pay a month's rent. All this happened within 10 days of God's saying, "Move." I then started seeking God for the building that he wanted P.V.C. in. I asked God for His best since Dan and I had given God our best by planting in our home. Dan got a number, and I spoke to a man I had never met before about a building he had. He said he would speak to his lawyer and get back with me. I hung up the phone and fell on the floor before God. We forget how big our God really is. God said to me, "You think he owns that building, don't you? Because he holds a piece of paper called a title. He dies, and another holds the paper. And he dies. But I own it all." "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

On the last Sunday in October we were in our building. We had a Thanksgiving dinner with Christian entertainment. We went door to door and invited the public. At Christmas, we had our first play with seven children, four of whom were unchurched. We had a Christmas Eve candlelight service, and it was wonderful. In March 2008 we started outreach visitation with Evangelism Explosion as our witnessing tool. We had two salvations. In April, we had another Easter Extravaganza and had 60 come that Sunday to the service, egg hunt, and dinner. From January to May we had 16 salvations through the church.

In June we had our first wedding. The bride and groom were saved three months before the wedding and had never attended church prior to this. Forty-two people showed up for the wedding, and 28 were unchurched. During the wedding, with the couple's permission, I shared the love of God and the plan of salvation.

On June 22, we had our first water baptism in the river, and 16 were baptized. A four-year-old boy told his Mommy he wanted Jesus to forgive him of his sins and be baptized. She was shocked. I asked him if he knew what sin was. He said, "Yes, that's when I don't do what Mommy tells me to do!" So we baptized him. I felt like it was my birthday. It was one of the best days of my whole life.

Following God can be scary sometimes. And most the time I don't understand why things and relationships change as they do. I feel as if I don't know what I am doing most the time. But I know His Voice, and I know He is leading me where I've never gone before. Sometimes we feel no one has gone this way before. So we are totally dependent on Him, and we are walking by faith. So He must be well pleased. I am happier than I've ever been, not knowing where this will all lead, but knowing He holds our hands.

God is bringing us the unchurched. They say they feel the presence of God. They feel loved. May God work through us with the fruit that remains! Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Pastor Sandra R. Nowiski

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

Are You on a "Quest"?

by Patsy Vaughan, Senior Pastor at Vanceboro PHC & Conference Bible Quest Coordinator

Youth Quest, Talent Quest, and Bible Quest readily come to mind as some of the "quests" the CEM Department of the IPHC make available to our young people. This leads me to ask three questions: 1) What is a quest? 2) Should everyone be on a quest? 3) What is your quest?

Webster defines a *quest* as:

- The act of seeking
- Search
- Pursuit
- An expedition or adventuresome journey taken to achieve or to find something
- To make search or inquiry

Sounds like life is a quest to me. Everyone is searching for something, even if people don't realize it or know for what they are searching. I, personally, have been on a lifelong quest for the perfect hairdo. At this stage in my quest, I would happily settle for an occasional perfect hair day.

A large portion of the population seems to be on a "Youth Quest." After all, youth is the one thing you spend the first 25 years of your life trying to get rid of and the remainder of your life trying to retrieve.

"Talent Quest" is another quest I think almost everyone is on, especially in the church. We teach that everyone has talents, and we encourage people to determine and develop those talents. Our goal is that each individual will live up to his full potential in God and be the best he can be at what he does. Certainly, that is vital for the Body of Christ to function as He designed.

But what about "Bible Quest"? How many Christians are seeking, searching, and pursuing the Bible? How many actually realize that the Bible is an expedition, an adventuresome journey to discover the revealed person of God? Shouldn't every Christian (young, not so young, talented, not so talented, those with perfect and not-so-perfect hair) be on a perpetual Bible Quest? If you answered "yes" to that question, then may I be bold enough to challenge you to ask yourself this question: "Am I on a Bible Quest?"

When I got saved, I began a new lifelong quest. I have found it to be much more exciting, fulfilling, and productive than my quest for the perfect hairdo, youth, or talent. Let me challenge you to go on a perpetual Bible Quest. If you accept this challenge, I am convinced that you, your family and friends, your coworkers, your church family, and, hopefully, even the youth of your church will benefit from your quest.

Please contact me if I can help you get started on this great adventure.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 CONFERENCE BIBLE QUEST WINNERS:

Primary Beginners: Judah Gray

Primary Intermediate: Jaimyn Gaskins

Primary Advanced: Graceson Williams

Junior Bible Bowl: Greenville First

Junior Power Play: Micah Gaskins

*Teen Bible Bowl: Benson

Teen Power Play: Deanna Whitman

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Congratulations to all 2008 National Talent Winners!

First Place

Christopher Jackson	*Vocal Solo, Male (Omega)*	*Mount Carmel*
Kelly Jackson	*Vocal/Instrumental Solo (Alpha)*	*Mount Carmel*
Gage Haveri & Kevin Gardner	*Vocal/Instrumental Ensemble*	*Whitley*
Servants 4 Christ Choir	*Vocal Ensemble*	*Mount Carmel*
Greyson Marriner	*Instrumental Solo – Wind (Alpha)*	*The Capital*
Katie Tyndall	*Instrumental Solo – Wind (Omega)*	*Peniel*
Joshua Faircloth	*Instrumental Solo – Strings (Omega)*	*Stedman*
Stone Carter	*Instrumental Solo – Drums (Alpha)*	*Mount Carmel*
David Carter	*Keyboard Solo (Omega)*	*Mount Carmel*
DJ Dixon & Jonathan Smith	*Instrumental Ensemble (Duets)*	*Graham Memorial*
Dewaine Harris	*Drama, Audible – Individual (Omega)*	*Gospel Tabernacle*
Lighthouse Drama Team	*Drama, Audible – 2 or more*	*Gospel Tabernacle*
Paige McCumbee	*Dance, Classical – Individual (Alpha)*	*Harvest Fellowship*
Andrew Roof	*Graphics (Alpha)*	*The Capital*
Nicole Novrocki	*Three Dimensional Art (Alpha)*	*Greenville First*
Christina Smith	*Fabricated Art (Alpha)*	*Greenville First*

Second Place

Jordan Anburn	*Vocal Solo, Male (Alpha)*	*Graham Memorial*
Kalyn Dozier	*Painting (Alpha)*	*Gospel Tabernacle*
Holley Roberson	*Graphics (Omega)*	*The Capital*
Gage Haveri	*Rap Solo (Omega)*	*Whitley*

Third Place

Beck Thomas	*Instrumental Solo – Strings (Alpha)*	*Gospel Tabernacle*
Aaron Alford	*Short Sermon (Alpha)*	*Stedman*
Jonathan Mills	*Short Sermon (Omega)*	*Greenville First*
The Capital Dance Team	*Dance, Classical – 2 or more*	*The Capital*
Courtney Haire	*Dance, Contemporary – Individual (Omega)*	*Stedman*
Ashley Johnson	*Photography (Alpha)*	*Oak Ridge*
Skylar Mills	*Photography (Omega)*	*Greenville First*

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- Athletic Socks (Girls & Boys/Men), Men's Dress Socks, Girls'/Ladies' Panty Hose, Paper Cups, Paper Plates, Plastic Forks & Spoons, T-Shirts, Underwear Girls'/Boys'
- Brownie Mix, Cake Icing, Cake Mix, Cereal, Furniture Polish, Kool-Aid, Light Bulbs, Snacks, Soft-drinks, Spaghetti Sauce, Sugar, Canned Vegetables, Canned Baked Beans (#10 Cans)

See you at Harvest Train!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

2009 THEME

For several years the Lord has blessed the North Carolina Conference with a scriptural theme. Next year will be no exception.

Last year the theme was "Better Together." We have found this theme to be reality among us. Races have come together. The young and old have come together. Vision and reality have come together. We could continue. May it be continually so.

Our theme for the next year is simply this: "He is _____!" The idea is that every church and every individual can fill in the blank. Allow me to explain and give an overview.

Today's church is not presenting the testimony that she should. In a recent book called *unChristian*, author David Kinnaman of the Barna Group presented some interesting facts about the 16- to 28-year-olds. "In the last thirty days, born again believers were just as likely to bet or gamble, to visit a pornographic website, to take something that did not belong to them, to consult a medium or psychic, to physically fight or abuse someone, to have used an illegal, non-prescriptive drug, to have said something to someone that was not true, to have gotten back at someone for something he or she did, and to have said mean things behind another person's back." Kinnaman found that in this age group, there was virtually no difference between the Christian and the non-Christian.

Many are not any different, *but He is!* Many are not committed, *but He is!* Many are not passionate, *but He is!* Many are not sacrificing, *but He is!* Many are not obedient, *but He is!* Many are not evangelizing, *but He is!* Many do not believe in miracles, *but He is a miracle!*

The goal is to discover and experience Him – the Lord Jesus Christ. The psalmist said, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord" (Psalm 77:11). "Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart" (Deuteronomy 4:9). "Forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:2). He can be found by commemorating. Check His deeds in the past.

He may be found by contemplating His actions with the heroes of the past. Discover Noah and his deliverance through his obedience to Him. Remember Abraham and his lesson that God will provide. Consider David and the Lord's anointing of deliverance with the lion, the bear, and especially Goliath. Be sure not to forget His own actions while on earth. He performed miracle after miracle.

He may be found by just reading the Scriptures. Over 200 times in the Bible the phrase "He is" is used. At least 100-plus of these have different words that follow "He is." The others are repeats.

Consider a sampling of these "He is" statements. He is God. He is the propitiation for our sins. He is our peace. He is the rock. He is a holy God. He is my shield. He is good. He is mighty. He is excellent in power. He is the saving strength. He is our help. He is a great King. He is my refuge and fortress. He is gracious. He is near. He is just. He is risen. He is faithful. He is precious. He is Lord of lords and King of kings.

All these statements are spiritual truths – they just need to be applied. He just needs to be applied!

John says, "As he is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17).

The purpose of the theme is to focus on Him and then naturally the blessings that flow out of Him as benefits of a relationship with Him. Therefore, focus on Jesus Christ. Then make the faith affirmations – He is my _____. You fill in the blank. Use the scriptures. Miracles may and will occur.

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Mrs. Esther Watson Casper Honored

Members of the Hobgood Pentecostal Holiness Church honored Mrs. Esther Watson Casper, Sunday, May 25, 2008. As a minister's wife she has served God and her church for 66 years. She was presented with a picture of the present church; engraved across the bottom were the words, "In honor of Esther W. Casper, June 1966–May 2008." During the morning service the choir and special singers sang some of her favorite hymns. Some members of the church spoke of her as their spiritual mother and shared special memories they remembered. Her daughter also honored her with a poem she had written.

Mrs. Casper said she was most thankful for her good health at her age, having been hospitalized only twice in her life and now only going for checkups.

She was also treated later in the evening with good fellowship, finger foods, and cake.

The Preacher's Wife

by Phyllis W. McKinsey

There she stands beside him, the young preacher's wife
Her head held high, as if she's never known strife.

Her husband was called to preach God's word
She sits there faithfully in the church, where he is heard.

She comforts the dying and prays for the sick;
Some church family needs her, she must go act quick.

A wife, sister, mother, friend and daughter,
A great mentor – and an example to folks!

A tough job she has twenty-four hours a day.
She lovingly does it and never receives pay.

Women's auxiliary she attends. Sunday School, she can teach,
Wednesday night she preaches; is there no goal she can't reach?

She supports her husband, reassigned from town to town.
She goes to help at revivals; she will never let God and him down.

She says not a word as she goes to pack
She never knows; she might even be back.

She uproots her children to move to a home
In a town far away, where she is not known.

At dawn she's a cook, mornings she sews,
Lunch, more sewing, then supper, cutting out patterns as she goes.

She lies down to sleep, having planned her next day,
But they received a call; a church member has passed away.
Someone else in the church lost their home to a fire
She looks through her house for something they might desire.

Maybe this piece of furniture will help give them a start,
But she always leaves them with a prayer from the heart.

Her husband died, but still she comes to sit.
Alone for seven years, or so God has seen fit.

Soon God sends her a mate; she'll stand beside him, you see
For another ten years, a minister's wife she will be.

Through ten years of life and a few churches later,
Her second husband was called, to meet with his maker.

Eleven years later, still here she sits.
A faithful servant until God no longer sees fit.

As I look at her with lots of love where she sits today,
I'm proud to say she's my mother, and I wouldn't have it
Any other way!

We love you, Mama!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008

Rev. J. B. Perry
October 3

Rev. W. A. Crawford
October 3

Rev. William Dunning
October 6

Rev. Samuel Weaver
October 10

Rev. W. B. Satterfield
October 13

Rev. Kenneth Dixon
October 13

Rev. Thomas Conway
October 14

Rev. Thesbia Byrd
October 15

Rev. Linwood Manning
October 15

Rev. Lotis Joyner
October 17

Rev. Wayne E. White
October 17

Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles
October 18

Rev. Mrs. Karen Sapp
October 27

Rev. Erfie Hayes
November 5

Rev. Emmett Turner
November 12

Rev. Mrs. Sue Parker
November 13

Rev. Kenneth Autry
November 26

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Smitten Shepherds

by Paul and Carolyn Wilde. Minneapolis: River City Press. 122 pages.

"How are you doing?"

The general rule is that the majority of us would respond by saying, "Fantastic, my brother. If it was any better, I couldn't stand it," or "Praise the Lord, I'm on the mountain of victory and praising my Lord," or "Oh, just fine. Thank you for asking." On numerous occasions when I have asked that question to a pastor, the positive response just didn't sound solid all the way through. Some times there is a hollow, empty heart painfully aware that things are not all that swell, in stark, dark reality. Maybe the person didn't have the heart to tell his or her problems, or maybe the person felt that in the asking, no one really would want to take the time to listen to the "story of a wounded heart." Have you ever been wounded by a person or a group of people before? Hurts, doesn't it? Sometimes it hurts badly, and the children, if any, tend to hurt as time wears on, even worse.

The Wildes write, "God never commands His spokesmen to stay perpetually happy, to never get tired, to never be weighed down with a burden, to never be confused, to never be disappointed, to never be discouraged. But that is what the church expects of its leaders. This 'feel good, be happy' generation expects pastors to go through their days singing, go to bed smiling and wake up grinning—whatever the circumstances." The Lord's yoke is easy, but man's yoke is hard and very burdensome to bear!

The authors give biblical examples of real heroes of the faith, such as Moses, Job, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, and Paul. These servants of the Lord continued and refused to quit. According to the Wildes, 1,500 ministers quit the ministry every month; that's 18,000 discouraged, defeated ministers a year! A disheartened pastor is very discouraging to others.

Pastors should expect to be smitten because if a pastor follows in the steps of the Lord Jesus, troubles and tribulations will come. No servant of God should ever expect to be exempt from persecution, conflict, and attacks from the enemy. As Thomas Watson admonished, "Put the cross in your creed!"

In the last chapters of the book, the authors give rapid-fire exhortations to encourage all pastors. They proclaim, "Don't give up. Don't fall; don't depart; keep running; don't faint; pray for that backbone as big as a saw log!" John Calvin declared, "All our progress and perseverance are from God." It is true. True grace keeps the faithful pastor. The root of all steadfastness in the ministry is in devotion to God. This is where the breakdown usually begins with pastors. They fail to maintain their devotions by reading their Bibles for personal enrichment and praying through to confidence in the Lord.

The Lord did not call any minister simply to begin a work, as Paul and Carolyn Wilde explain, but He does call every minister to finish the work. The Lord Jesus finished the work the Father gave Him, and Paul finished the work God gave him. Brothers and sisters endure afflictions, just like Jesus and Paul. Through much tribulation, we must follow the Lord. The whale that swallowed the reluctant prophet was the means of bringing him safely to the shore. It takes the grindstone to sharpen the ax. Pruning makes the vine more productive. Great pressure turns a lump of coal into a diamond. The hot furnace removes the dross from the gold. "We are always in the forge," wrote Henry Ward Beecher, "or on the anvil; by trials God is shaping us for higher things." The mighty Red Sea and Pharaoh's army demonstrated the glory of the Lord in a magnificent way. We would never see the stars if the Lord didn't take away the day. As Robert Murray M'Cheyne testified, "A dark hour makes Jesus bright!" Sometimes the Lord puts us in the dark to show us He is the light. Matthew Henry remarked, "The injuries men do us should drive us to God, for to him we may commit our cause." Adversities drive us to Jesus. Afflictions in ministry teach us to pray and cling to the Lord and to rush to God's Word and find that *rhema*, that special word to you from God's Word that will put steel into your soul, and make you stand, and having done all, to keep standing.

"Trials are medicines which our gracious and wise physician prescribes, because we need them; and he proportions the frequency and weight of them to what the case requires." —John Newton

I am convinced that the Lord wants every blood-bought man and woman of God called into the ministry never to let go of the plow. The plow requires lots and lots of plodding, and may the Lord make good plodders out of all of us. The Lord never promised a velvet cross or a distress-free ministry. The agonies of ministry make the ecstasies of ministry even better. The warfare makes victory sweet.

My heart aches for pastors and their families. Ministry is never easy all the time. George Swinnock affirmed, "A sanctified person, like a silver bell, *the harder he is smitten*, the better he sounds." It is so true. We are never afflicted by chance; we are afflicted by providence. We are never afflicted for destruction; we are afflicted for development. We are never afflicted forever; we are afflicted for a season. We are never afflicted to quit the race; we are afflicted that we might finish the race. We are never afflicted by a harsh and cruel heart; we are afflicted by a supremely loving heart. Sometimes the Lord places us in ministry situations that are just too much for us to demonstrate that they are never too much for Him. We never know what we have lost when we ask the Lord to deliver us out of our afflictions altogether. In shunning trials, we avoid rich blessings. This must have been what John Owen meant when he wrote, "Seek holiness rather than consolation." Afflictions often become the spiritual wings of the soul that cause us to fly in the heavenlies. "In the resurrection morn," wrote Bishop J. C. Ryle, "we shall thank God for every storm." If God weren't sovereign, we would have a right to be afraid. He has never known a defeat, and His ultimate will is unalterable. Therefore, we can trust Him.

Preaching on Your Feet: Connecting God and the Audience in the Preachable Moment

by Fred R. Lybrand. Nashville: B and H Academic. 180 pages.

Preaching on your feet is about speaking directly to the people and not through an echo. An echo is indirect, a copy of the original. It means, in part, not borrowing Adrian Roger's or Jerry Vines' sermons and preaching them as your own. It is rumored that 80,000 preachers preach borrowed or copied sermons every Sunday. "Confession," we have always been told, "is good for the soul."

Lybrand, an ordained pastor of Northeast Bible Church near San Antonio, Texas, taught communications at the University of Alabama for a while and learned to "preach on his feet" in 1994. He testifies that it revitalized his ministry. Preaching on your feet is the "heart-to-heart style of delivery that makes preaching a joy for both the orator and listener time and again." The author writes, "I believe history screams to us that any man who preaches well with a written manuscript or a thick set of notes will preach even better if he learns to preach on his feet."

Lybrand makes a strong case for preaching extemporaneously, or note-free preaching. As Howard Hendricks taught, "As predictability goes up, impact goes down." Congregations need fresh messages through a fresh preacher who preaches on his feet. The author proceeds through the step-by-step process of preparing and delivering extemporaneous messages. He points to the dangers and pitfalls of preaching extemporaneously, such as failing to feed people on a steady diet of God's Word, sinful pride, reducing the need to study diligently, and succumbing to any "momentary inspiration" that offers casual words instead of words that impact.

The last chapter consists of questions and answers about preaching on your feet. He states that insecurity is often the reason why many preachers do not preach extemporaneously. He reveals that preaching on your feet comes with age and maturity and work. The author closes with a quote from Spurgeon: "A man who doesn't need a cane but uses one will come to need a cane." A better way to preach, writes Lybrand, is excellent preparation, clear thinking, and a Spirit-led unfolding of the message. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Share with the saints in their needs" (Romans 12:13).

As we prepare our hearts and minds toward Thanksgiving and Christmas, I couldn't help but think how excited we get during this special time of the year. We give, and most of the time, we receive so much more than we give.

What a blessing for us when we stay in touch with our missionaries and servicemen and -women. They also need encouragement. Satan will certainly try to discourage those who are serving God and trying to expand His kingdom. Through words of encouragement in letters, cards, phone calls, and e-mails when possible, we can convey our appreciation for their service as well as encouraging them to press on toward the goal.

A very important part of supporting our troops is supporting and caring for their families. They deal with the constant fear that their loved ones won't come home, as well as the loneliness and, sometimes, financial hardships their being gone brings. What can you do to help them while at the same time making it easier for our troops because they know their families are being cared for too?

- Send the family a care package, making sure there are special things for the kids, remaining spouse, etc.
- Give restaurant gift certificates to military families. Too many times that kind of enjoyment is just not possible in their budgets.
- Invite them for the holidays. These can be especially lonely times for the ones left behind.
- When you see a person in a military uniform, shake his or her hand and say, "Thank you for serving our country."

Remember, *"Together We Can Make a Difference!"*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Honey is good for sore throat; it is also good for bee stings.
- For grease stains on your carpet, shake some cornstarch over the grease stain and let set overnight or at least eight hours. Vacuum.
- For grease stains on your wallpaper, try mixing cornstarch and water and make a paste. Rub on with a soft, clean cloth. Test this in an inconspicuous area first.

Sharing Sister Time at the Selma Church

On June 27 the WM ladies from the Selma PH Church and the Smithfield PH Church met for their Sharing Sister time. The theme was "A Garden Party." All the ladies were asked to dress up the way they would go to the garden. Anita Jones, Selma WM director, gave the devotion; B. J. Matthews and Carol Davis presented a skit on the "Fruit of the Spirit." The ladies enjoyed different types of salads and dirt cake for dessert. There was lots of fun and laughter. Thank you, ladies, for making this a great day!

–Submitted by Carol Davis,
Raleigh District Director

All the ladies at Sharing Sisters. Pretty lunch! June 27, 2008

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Making a Difference in the Lives of Women Too

Being married to the assistant Men's Ministries director of the North Carolina Conference has shown me just how important this organization is to our churches in our denomination. Jack has a passion for Men's Ministries. His goal is to see each of our churches with an active Men's Ministries group.

Like our Women's Ministries, I think these groups of men form a bond. They enjoy their retreats just as our ladies do. They get to see their friends from other churches. They worship God together, pray together, sing together, and have a wonderful time in the Lord.

At one of their district meetings, ***Bridging the Ministries***, I was able to go. About 20 of the ladies left Falcon and went to Goldsboro to a tearoom for lunch. It was so much fun. I met some of the nicest ladies that day and formed a friendship while our husbands were at the Men's Ministries meeting.

Recently Jack spoke on Laymen's Sunday at Thunder Swamp church. He made a very good talk on Men's Ministries and challenged the men to be active in Men's Ministries. Being a part of that Sunday service was such a joy for me. That church family welcomed us and made us feel like family too. The Men's Ministries director at Thunder Swamp, Mack Lassister, has a special testimony that strongly reflects what God is doing in men's lives through Men's Ministries. What a blessing to hear his testimony! What a special memory for me too!

It is so important for men to be the spiritual leaders in their homes. I feel being active in their local Men's Ministries helps them see the need to be spiritual husbands, fathers, and leaders in their homes and churches. Men who put God first in their lives become better husbands and fathers.

Ladies, encourage your husband to be active in your church's Men's Ministries group. See if it doesn't make a difference in your life.

Linda Nicholson
Grace Family Fellowship
Robersonville, NC

Men, we need to remember how important it is for us to be real men of God in our home, church, and community. Thank you, Linda, for sharing what Men's Ministries means to you.

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"Contact God at 1-800-Jeremiah 33:3"

The ability to communicate with each other is an important and vital part of our society. In fact, it is so important that the telephone and Internet industries have turned the ability to communicate into a multibillion-dollar business. They have many promotional tactics, gimmicks, and conveniences that they use to make their services more appealing and user friendly, such as additional lines for $9.99, free mobile-to-mobile for in-network calls, free unlimited calls on nights and weekends, unlimited text message, and "my circle" calling for free out-of-the-network calls.

What if I told you that I could give you the contact information to a "Network Provider" who has been offering many of these same features in His network for centuries for free, but does not have nearly as many subscribers as the other "major networks"? He offers such features as free unlimited anytime calling. That's free unlimited daytime calling, free unlimited nighttime calling, and free unlimited weekend calling. He even has a "my circle," and He also offers free unlimited text messages. Does this sound interesting? If so, continue reading to find out the contact information that I received through a "text message" for this "Network Provider." In receiving this information, you need to understand some things: First of all, our telephone system has established that the universal number for toll-free calls is the1-800 number. Secondly, this network provider's free unlimited anytime calling is through prayer. His free "my circle" is the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and His free unlimited text messages are through the Bible. So with this in mind, I am sharing the contact information to a "Network Provider" that I feel will change your life, your church, and your circumstances forever. This "Network Provider" is God, and His contact number is: **1-800 Jeremiah 33:3.**

In Jeremiah 33:3 God says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

There are three very important facts that I would like to point out about Jeremiah 33:3.

- **We have the privilege to call.** God wants to communicate and has given us a right to call. God uses a wireless communication system, so all we have to do when we want to connect with God is pray, call out to, or summon God by name, any time or any place. This is another benefit of being in His "Network." God is not only expecting us to call, but He is also waiting for us to call. We can connect with God through our prayers.
- **God promises to answer our call.** When we call out to God, He gives us the assurance that He will personally answer our call. Here are a few things we don't have to worry about when we call: dropped calls, busy signals, or getting His voicemail. He assures us that when we make our call, not only will we get through, but He will also respond.
- **God will display His power when we call.** God also wants us to know that He offers results when we call. He promises to show us great and mighty things that we do not know, things that are "unfamiliar" to us. A great thing is something that is distinguished by magnitude. God is promising that when we call out to Him in prayer, He will show us things in enormity to the extent that we will not be able to understand! Wow, there's power in our call!

In the verses that follow, God describes some of the great things He would give to Judah if they would call out to Him in prayer: He talked about bringing health and a cure to their diseases. He also spoke of bringing an abundance of peace and truth. He discussed returning the captivity of Judah and Israel and building them as He did at first, cleansing and pardoning their sins and iniquities and giving them a name that would be a joy to Him. Finally He spoke of giving them goodness and prosperity. IPHC, if we want to see God do things that are beyond our comprehension and bring these blessings and deliverances in our conference, in our churches, and in our lives, then let us get connected to his network, and call His number **1-800-Jeremiah 33:3** and continue to use our free anytime calling, His "my circle," and His free unlimited text messages, and watch the magnitude of His blessings sweep across our conference! Are you connected to the network?

–Steven R Jacobs

NC 2008 WIN Conference – "Access to God"

Friday Prayer – Oct. 31, 2008 – Octagon Tab. 7:00pm
Saturday Conf. – Nov. 1, 2008 – 8:30am - 3:00pm
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The Mouths of Lions

Daniel 6:22 reads as follows: "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt." Verse 26 says, "He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."

We live in a world full of lions that lie in wait for those who are striving to live as God would have us live. So many times we feel as if we are facing a roaring lion and there is no way out. We are filled with fear and hopelessness and see no one coming to our rescue. But as in the instance in the Bible, God is in control of the whole situation and will not let His children be harmed. Just as in verse 26, "He delivers and rescues and works signs and wonders" that others may know He has done miraculous things for our good.

We serve a God who loves us and cares about every concern of our heart and is working in our lives even when we cannot see Him moving. 1 Peter 5:7, 8, and 10 reads as follows: "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

What greater promise could we put our trust in than the fact that God is not only watching over us but also giving us strength to go on with His encouragement through the Scriptures and His Precious Holy Spirit! So face those lions of this world and be assured He is not only by your side but fighting the battle for you when you are not even looking!

Running the Race

Saturday, August 9, 2008, the Culbreth Memorial Church Fellowship Hall began filling up with excited women who were visiting with old friends and getting acquainted with new friends. The N.C. Conference Ministers' Wives Luncheon soon became a room full of ladies who were enjoying being together and enjoying the program presented by the MWF Board. There were door prizes, games that included relays and everyone cheering for their teams, choruses, and a very special song by Mrs. June Strickland; then the highlight of the program was Mrs. Bobbie Hilliard, wife of Rev. Stacy Hilliard, pastor of the Breakthrough Revival Center in Greenville, N.C.

Mrs. Bobbie let us know in the beginning that she was not a speaker but a teacher. Mrs. Hilliard could not have said anything more truthful. She is such a good teacher! We all thoroughly enjoyed the message or presentation on "Running the Race." Mrs. Bobbie inspired us all to keep running the race for our Savior and King. Thank you, Mrs. Bobbie, for all of your good words!

The luncheon included salads of all kinds and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The attendance for our meeting was so encouraging, and we had several new ministers' wives who had never been to our meeting before. One of the new ministers' wives even made the statement, "We need to do this every six months!"

Let me take this opportunity to invite each of you to come to the MPM meetings that will resume in October. I will try to send out a listing to the wives since some of you never get to see the mail.

THANK YOU!

Words could not express our love and appreciation to each of you for the overwhelming love offering that was given to Chris and me on the last night of Camp Meeting! We hope you understand just how much we love and care for each of you and your families. God has blessed us with such wonderful people in the North Carolina Conference. Our love and prayers go out to you daily, and may God bless each of you for your many sacrifices for us and for Him, most of all. I know that He will bless you for all that you do.

Until next time, may God bless!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The Heritage Room

How many of you visited our "Heritage Room" at Camp Meeting? If you were not able to stop by, you really missed a good representation of pictures and memorabilia taken from the Archives storage area for display for you. Rev. Danny Rollins helped with getting all of the information situated on tables, easels, chairs, and our new display case.

I hope you were able to see our new display case. I had mentioned at one of our Archives Board meetings that I needed a way to display our Falcon afghans, and Brother Jim Skinner asked that I let him take care of it, and so I agreed. The next thing I knew, Brother Jim, along with his son, Michael, delivered a solid oak cabinet for displaying the afghans. The cabinet was built by a St. John PH Church member, Everett Thornton, and Brother Skinner. The cabinet is large enough to put storage in the bottom, and the lid serves as a flat display area for pictures, etc. The sides get smaller in depth as they go up, and at the top there is a board going across to fold over the afghans for display. The workmanship is not to be believed! It is beautiful and will be appreciated for years to come. If that weren't good enough, the cabinet was donated to the Archives Department. God will bless them for their sacrifice and hard work.

We also had a couple of new Jerry Miller pen-and-ink drawings of the Falcon Camp Meeting buildings available for sale at Camp Meeting this year. We now have available for sale prints of the following buildings: the Octagon Tabernacle, the Falcon Holiness School Building/Camp Meeting Auditorium, the First J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium, the New J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, and a composite print of all four buildings. These prints sell for $25.00 each. We also have note cards of the Octagon Tabernacle, the First J. A. Culbreth Camp Meeting Auditorium, and the composite of all four buildings. These note cards sell for $8.00 each. The Falcon afghans show some of the buildings that have been in the village of Falcon through the last century. The afghans sell for $50.00 each and are a perfect gift for Christmas or for a couple as they are getting married.

One of the special happenings of the Camp Meeting occurred on Friday evening before the Camp Meeting service began, when Brother G. F. Taylor appeared in the front lobby of the auditorium! No, he was not a ghost, but Rev. Danny Rollins acted out the part of Rev. Taylor, one of our more influential pioneers of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Brother Taylor came to direct people to our Heritage Room and to draw attention to the prints that we have for sale. Brother Jerry Miller matted and framed one of the composite prints and gave it to us so that people could see how beautiful the prints are after being framed and matted. We do appreciate the generosity of God's people! We also appreciate the efforts and time of Brother Danny to make all that we do a success.

Just in case you haven't heard, Rev. Danny Rollins is also in the process of writing the history of the North Carolina Conference. May God give him strength and bless him for all that he does for the Lord and His church!

The May 11, 2008, *Fayetteville Observer* recorded the death of Irvine Robbins, cofounder of Baskin Robbins. Norma Gould, one of his workers, made this statement: "Those years were a part of our history, and now we have to make history; now we have to live up to what he started and continue what he started."

Also, Presiding Bishop Leggett, in preaching in the Piney Grove Camp Meeting, made the statement, "When we look at those people that influenced our lives, we need to make sure that all they did is not in vain! We need to look at what they have done and how they lived and if they fought and won, we can also. They were examples to us and encouraged us just by their lives." We need to remember all of the struggles and triumphs of those who came before us; we have what we have because of those people.

Another quote that I heard in an old movie on TV says, "When a person dies, he or she is kept alive by those that have them in their hearts, and no one is ever gone until they are forgotten!" This phrase really is true, and in relation to our Archives and the collecting of the stories of those who came before us, we can keep their memory alive and remember them and what they stood for. If you have people who were a mighty influence in your life, work to keep their lives and what they believed as part of our lives and for those that come after us.

What kind of legacy will we leave? Are we passing on the beliefs we learned as children, or are we trying to keep up with all that is going on in the church world today? Let us find the roots of our beliefs and be sure that they are firmly planted in the solid ground of the Word so that our children, who follow us, will have a firm foundation to build on.

May God bless!

Until next time,
Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Dones y Ministerios en Las Iglesias Hispanas

Dios en su bondad ha bendecido a la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte con más de 60 iglesias hispanas al presente. Con este crecimiento de iglesias, también el Señor ha permitido que una serie de dones y ministerios hayan surgido de las congregaciones, los cuales están alabando a Dios mientras ministran en sus propios ambientes, pero también están saliendo para bendecir y ayudar la obra de Dios en otros lugares. En este artículo me gustaría mencionar una serie de estos ministerios que se han levantado en las congregaciones hispanas, con el fin de reconocerlos, pedir sus oraciones por ellos y dejarles saber que están a la disposición para ayudar y ministrar en sus iglesias, proyectos y otros alcances que se están llevando a cabo.

Comenzaré mencionando el Grupo de música y alabanza de la iglesia Cristiana de Wilmington donde es pastor el Rev. Edgar Pérez. Este grupo lleva por nombre ASAF. Este es un ministerio de jóvenes consagrados y llenos de energía que están ministrando con una alabanza fresca en su iglesia y también varios otros lugares.

El ministerio de danza, arte y alabanza que tiene la iglesia Jesucristo Fuente de Amor en Garner/Raleigh donde es pastor el Rev. Rodolfo Olivo. Estos hermanos se han preparado en forma tal que da gusto presenciar las presentaciones que hacen. La presencia de Dios se manifiesta en una forma maravillosa cuando ellos ministran.

Si usted quiere aprender acerca del exitoso método de grupos de células en los hogares. La consolidación y el discipulado para su iglesia local, mire el trabajo que está haciendo la iglesia Tabernáculo del Evangelio en Dunn donde es pastor el Rev. Fernando Angulo. Ellos han tenido un éxito maravilloso y han adquirido una experiencia que es valiosísima para ayudar a otras iglesias locales.

Los hermanos Eduardo y Katia Gonzales, aparte de muchos otros dones y talentos, tienen una experiencia y una capacidad excepcional para ayudar a las iglesias locales a establecer y mantener el área de las finanzas y tesorería con sus libros, cuentas presupuestos y balances. Ellos son miembros y ministros de la iglesia Tabernáculo del Evangelio en Dunn.

La hermana Lydia Figueroa quien es la directora de WIN (departamento de oración intercesión) aparte de ser la pastora de la iglesia "Permaneciendo en El" también es una oradora excelente quien puede visitar las iglesias con talleres, seminarios y enseñanzas sobre la oración y otros temas de interés.

En la iglesia Oasis de Esperanza opera el Instituto Bíblico Oasis, dirigido por el hermano Hector Cordero y el pastor Abrahán Rodríguez. Esta es una excelente institución de formación de obreros que tienen el llamado para servir en la obra de Dios.

El Rev. Rafael Rodríguez es el pastor de la iglesia Fuente de Vida Eterna en Micro. El es un extraordinario evangelista, el cual siempre está dispuesto para ir y atender campañas y otros eventos en los que las iglesias desean ganar almas para Cristo.

El hermano Jairo Tucubal es el pastor de la iglesia Restauración y Poder en Mount Olive. Este hermano se ha convertido en un productor de videos para cultos y actividades especiales. Sus habilidades aprendidas le han llevado a bendecir a muchos oros ministerios con su dones y servicio.

Así podría mencionar muchos otros ministerios y dones, lo cual haré en las próximas publicaciones de la revista Evangel. Por ahora solo deseo mencionar los anteriores, no sin antes recordar que la Palabra de Dios nos dice que somos "un cuerpo pero muchos miembros" (1 Cor. 12:20)

En Romanos 12:4-5 dice: "Porque de la manera que en un cuerpo tenemos muchos miembros, pero no todos los miembros tienen la misma función, así nosotros, siendo muchos, somos un cuerpo en Cristo, y todos miembros los unos de los otros."

También en I Corintios 12:25 dice: "...para que no haya desavenencia en el cuerpo, sino que los miembros todos se preocupen los unos por los otros."

En el corazón de Dios está el hecho y en efecto es producido por

el Espíritu Santo de que la iglesia reconozca la unidad en sí misma y la diversidad en las funciones y dones de cada miembro. Así por eso el Señor expresa que nos debemos preocupar "unos por otros". Que le falta a mi hermano, hermana o a la otra congregación; podemos examinar bien que tenemos y como podemos usarlo para bendecir y ayudar a los otros.

Dispóngase a ser usado por Dios en otras congregaciones o con otros pastores, dando y ministrando con aquello que Dios lo ha bendecido, así seremos mejor para ministrar a este mundo necesitado.

Gifts and Ministries in the Hispanic Churches

God in His goodness has blessed the North Carolina Conference with more than 60 Hispanic churches at the present time. With this growth of churches, also the Lord has allowed many gifts and ministries of congregations to arise, which are praising God while ministering in their own places, but also emerging to bless and help God's work elsewhere. In this article I would like to mention a number of these ministries that have been raised in the Hispanic congregations, in order to recognize them, ask for your prayers for them, and let you know that they are available to help and minister in your churches, and other projects and areas that are taking place.

Let me begin by mentioning the praise and music group from the Christian church in Wilmington, where Rev. Edgar Perez is pastor. This ministry is called Asaf. This is a ministry of consecrated and full-of-energy youth who are ministering with fresh praise in his church and several other places.

Also the ministry of dance, art, and praise that is in the church Jesus Christ Fountain of Love in Garner/Raleigh, where Rev. Rodolfo Olivo is pastor. These brethren have been prepared in a way that blesses us when we are in the presentations they do. The presence of God manifests itself in a wonderful way when they minister.

If you want to learn about the successful method of cell groups in homes, the consolidation and discipleship for the local church, look at the work that the church Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn has being doing. Rev. Fernando Angulo is the pastor there. They have had a wonderful success and have gained experience that is invaluable in helping other local churches.

Rev. and Mrs. Eduardo and Katia Gonzales, apart from many other gifts and talents that they have, also have great experience and an exceptional ability to help local churches to establish and maintain the area of finance and treasury with books, accounts, balances, and budgets. They are members and ministers of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn.

Rev. Lydia Figueroa is WIN director (department of prayer and intercession), apart from being the pastor of the church Abiding in Him; she is also an excellent speaker who can visit churches with workshops, seminars, and teachings on prayer and other topics of interest.

The church Oasis of Hope in Greenville operates the Bible Institute Oasis, led by brother Hector Cordero and Pastor Abraham Rodriguez. This is an excellent training institution for workers who are called to serve in God's work.

Rev. Rafael Rodriguez is the pastor of Fountain of Eternal Life church in Micro. He is an extraordinary evangelist who is always ready to go and preach in revivals and other events in which churches are reaching and winning souls for Christ.

Brother Jairo Tucubal is the pastor of Power and Restoration Church in Mount Olive. This brother has become a video producer for worship and special events. He has learned skills that have taken him to bless many other ministries and churches with this service.

I could mention many other ministries and gifts, which I will be doing in the next publications of our *Evangel* magazine. For now I want to mention only those above, but I also want to recall the word of God that tells us that we are "one body but many members" (1 Cor. 12:20).

Romans 12:4-5 says, "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." Also, 1 Corinthians 12:25 says, "... But that the members should have the same care for one another."

It is in God's heart that the church recognize the unity itself and diversity in the roles and gifts of each member. So the Lord says that we "should have the same care for one another." We can ask this question of ourselves: What is my brother or sister lacking, or another congregation? We can consider what we have and use it to bless and help others.

Proceed to be used by God in other congregations or with other pastors, giving and ministering with what God has blessed you, and we will be better able to minister to this needy world. The Holy Spirit is ready to use us with all that He has, giving to every church. Let's be ready to be used by God.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Both celebrating 86 years of age!

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. & Mrs. W. A. Crawford

William Arthur (W. A.) was born on October 3, 1930, in Wayne County. In 1948 he gave his heart to the Lord at the old Pender Street PH Church in Wilson, North Carolina, and Rev. J. Floyd Williams was pastor.

In 1950 he married Janice Lewis, Rev. Williams' niece, who lived in Greenville, North Carolina. After finishing high school, they continued their education at Southwestern College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and then at Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina.

W. A. joined the conference in 1950 and was ordained in 1952 and assigned to the Grifton Church. Afterward, he served Washington, Hopewell, Kenly, Roper, Belfast, Ebenezer, Culbreth Memorial, and Rehoboth. He retired in 1993 but continued to serve as supply pastor to several other churches.

Rev. Crawford served for a number of years on the conference Christian Education Board, and during some of these years, he was living in Falcon and pastoring the Culbreth Church. He and Janice made themselves available to work in the Falcon youth camps as counselors and instructors for many years. When all the campers were gone on Friday evenings, both of them would assist the camp director and his wife (Wiley & Jean Clark) in cleaning the campus in preparation for the next group of campers scheduled to arrive on Sunday afternoon. Customarily, back then, there were not enough funds to hire people to do this kind of work. In fact, it seemed nobody was available to work even if we had had the funds. Camp fees were very reasonable, and camp workers were paid nothing, not even their mileage. Janice and Jean would sweep those dusty rooms and halls while W. A. would do minor repairs as needed and help clean the campus right along with Rev. Clark. They were true friends and expected nothing in return for their many hours of extra work.

Janice Crawford was an excellent pastor's wife. She was always available to help in any way she could in all the churches where they were assigned. Janice also served on committees and boards and contributed greatly to the success of any program in which she was involved.

For the last several years, W. A. has not been in good health; he had a light stroke and has suffered for many years with diabetes. The Crawfords live in their own house, which was built by W. A. several years ago. Although he is not confined to his home, W. A. gets out only occasionally. He and Janice attend the Williamston PH Church. They love their pastor, Rev. Roger Leggett, and support him faithfully. They are the parents of three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

– Plan Now to Attend –

Retired Ministers and Spouses

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Featuring Gospel Music Singer

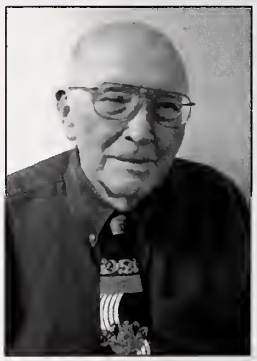
Mr. Tony Gibson

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 11 o'clock a.m.

Conference Cafeteria/Training Center – Falcon, North Carolina

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. McElree Purifoy



McElree Purifoy was born in Ernul, North Carolina. He served in World War II with the Navy and was saved while on shore tour when he attended an Assembly of God Street Mission. He has spent a lifetime in various areas of study. He graduated from Holmes Bible College with a bachelor of theology degree in 1950, a bachelor of science degree in secondary education (1963), and a master of arts degree in educational administration (1973), both from East Carolina University, and a doctorate in Christian psychology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary in 1994.

Rev. Purifoy joined our conference in 1950. He was married to the late Julia Batson Purifoy. After serving five churches, he transferred his membership to the Arizona Conference, where he and his wife served for 22 years as missionaries to the Navajo tribe. Though times were difficult, they were very successful in this ministry and are remembered and loved greatly by these people. When their ministry ended there, they came back to North Carolina.

Brother McElree states, *"While pastor of the Reelsboro Church, Julia and I learned one thing well... to pursue a continuous process of Christian education, formal and informal."* So at the age of 71, they left the pastorate and moved to Whiteville to join Lyndon, their son, in his North Carolina ministry with the Jacksonville Theological Seminary of Jacksonville, Florida. Lyndon became pastor of the Whiteville Church in 2000, and McElree accepted the role of associate pastor. He preaches when called to do so, regularly visits two rest homes and/or rehabilitation centers, the hospital, and edits a monthly Christian publication called the *Christline*. He states, ***"God's personal ministry calling is fresh within, not wanting to shut down!"*** We say, "Keep on keeping on, Brother Mac!"

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

HONDURAS PASTORS' CONFERENCE

On Friday, July 4, eleven pastors/ministers left from RDU to San Pedro Sula, Honduras, for eight days of ministry/training. Ultimately, our destination was the capital city of Tegucigalpa. Missionaries Daniel and Rocio Pitti had been working with us for almost a year to facilitate the trip. The Pittis are doing a tremendous work in this beautiful yet needful nation. They have been successfully planting and establishing churches and are working diligently to establish and organize the IPHC work there. We now have 18 churches in this country of almost 8 million people, which is slightly larger than the state of Tennessee. It is the second poorest country in Central America, and 97 percent of the population is connected to Roman Catholicism. For over half of our group this was their first experience on a missions trip.

Our destination was Tegucigalpa, and from the hotel we made the most of our opportunity. The pastors met us at the hotel complex. As part of our trip expense, each of our team members actually paid for the Honduran pastors to stay in the hotel. This was a good plan and enhanced our time of building relationships and having great times of fellowship and prayer together. We had six days on the ground: two of them were church visitation and ministry days; three (Mon.-Wed.) were long days of training seminars for the 12 Honduran pastors present; and one day was for relaxation/shopping. We taught/trained from 8:30am until 5:00pm; on Monday we actually trained until 8:00pm. The pastors were like sponges, eager to hear and receive what we had to offer. The subjects were the Revelation; Light for the Journey; Servant Leadership, and Pastoral Ethics.

In the evenings after class time, we shared testimonies, devotions, and individual/corporate prayer time. Our hearts were stirred as we heard their testimonies. All of the pastors made specific sacrifices to be able to be with us, and the time and method of travel that some of them experienced in order to be present were truly heart-stirring, as well as a test of our own commitment and dedication to the Kingdom. We went to Honduras desiring to be a blessing to them; however, the opposite was true: they were an inspiration and blessing to us. We were able to carry to the pastors a supply of clothing, and one of the churches represented (Belfast) had shipped beforehand a good supply of boxes filled with toiletries to be distributed among some of the church people. This opportunity made an indelible impact on the members of our team, and, as was stated by all the team members, this would not be the last time for them.

I urge you as you read these accounts to consider being a part of a short-term missions trip; it will make a lasting impression and stir your passion and compassion for world evangelization. The members of the team were R. L. and Alison Downing, Stacy Hilliard, Jerry Miller, Philip Bland, Steve Jones, Richard Robinson, Ray Faircloth, Jerry Barbee, Luis Avila, and Danny Nelson.

"The NC Conference Pastoral Missions Team to Honduras was a most rewarding spiritual experience. Each of us attending experienced the power of the Holy Spirit through signs, wonders and manifestations of God's Divine blessings.

Forever in my memory will be the sacrifices the Honduran pastors made to come hear us teach. Some traveled by boat, some on bicycle, some on bus, and some in their rugged automobiles. Their hunger for the Gospel reminded me of a day when people in our country were not so preoccupied by distractions.

Also, just a kind observation from my heart (please): Most Americans can be at their local churches in a matter of minutes; these Honduran pastors walked, bicycled, and traveled any way they could for many hours in order to be a part of this school of opportunity, where they would be taught the Gospel of Christ. May we all take a lesson from the Hondurans and regain the hunger for the Gospel, be it Sunday morning, Wednesday night, or Revival services. As with the Hondurans, 'those that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled'; otherwise we may come up spiritually empty.

I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to spend time with our director, as well as the great pastors that made this Pastoral Leadership Conference a most memorable success."

Rev. Ray Faircloth, Sr., Pastor—The Life Center, Saint Pauls, NC

"The Honduras trip was great. I went expecting God to do great things, but he exceeded my expectations. Our brothers and sisters in Honduras were most appreciative of our coming, and there was a sense of unity that knitted our hearts together. The training sessions were filled with great teaching, fellowship, and manifestations of the Spirit of God.

As we prepared to return home, I felt a sense of satisfaction and sadness. Satisfied that we had done the will of God, but sad because we were leaving behind such precious saints. Let's keep our Honduran brothers and sisters lifted up in prayer!"

Rev. Stacy Hilliard, Pastor—Breakthrough Revival Center, Greenville, NC

"It has been an honor, privilege, and a delight to be part of the Honduras missions team. This trip was well planned and well executed. Brother Daniel Pitti did a great job from our landing to our departure, and we are truly blessed to have him and his wife as our missionaries to Honduras.

Because of this experience, I know I am a blessed man! During the course of that week my heart and life were touched in a powerful way. I appreciate so much the opportunity to be a part of this team. The facilities were perfect. One of the best things was no TV, radio, computer, cell phones—no distractions! The topics chosen really blessed everyone. This was my first missions trip, and I hope that all my future missions trips will be this good."

Rev. Richard Robinson, Pastor—Chadbourn PH, Chadbourn, NC

"When I think of Honduras, I think of the Smyrna church, where Jesus said, 'I know your works, tribulations, and poverty (but you are rich)' (Rev. 2:9a). They are a people impoverished, but empowered by the Spirit of God.

It has been an honor to work with this team of pastor-teachers. I have received much more than I could have possibly given. We are blessed to have what we have in America. I can appreciate it more after seeing these local pastors come many miles to meet with us. Only one of the group of locals receives any pay from their church. They are a dedicated people who love God and do all they can with limited resources. I want to go back and work with them again. They were so appreciative of everything we gave them. They will always have a special place in my heart."

Rev. Ralph Downing, Pastor—Living Waters Ministries, Wilson, NC

"The trip to Honduras was a God-authored experience for me. Because the airport at Tegucigalpa was closed, we had to land at San Pedro, which was further away from our destination. Because of this, I was able to experience the lifestyle of the Honduran people in a way that I would not have been able to do otherwise. We were able to ride where they ride and see driving like they drive; what a chaotic adventure that was!

I also witnessed the hand of God in the training sessions. I believe God put the teacher with the subject during that week, and He anointed each one to do a tremendous job. It was great to meet my Honduran pastoral brothers and sisters, and to participate in worship with them. What powerful times of prayer was had as we sought God together! I wished that I could have spoken Spanish.

Thank you, Daniel and Rocio Pitti, for being such a great host and hostess. What love you have for the Honduran people! Thank you, team members, for being so wonderful. This is an experience only we can remember together."

Rev. Phillip Bland, Sr., Pastor—Good News Ministries, Jacksonville, NC

"Not only was the missions trip to Honduras ordained by God, but it was a life-changing experience for me. My eyes have been awakened to a missionary's perspective, and I now realize the special anointing that they must have to fulfill this enormous call. Pictures and testimonies that the missionaries share during their visits to local churches cannot begin to depict just how life really is for those who are less fortunate. As for me, I did not truly understand how our brothers and sisters sacrificed until I personally experienced for myself life in Honduras. The missionaries are so willing to forfeit comfort for the sake of sharing the Gospel with others.

We are so quick to grumble about the simplest things; however, you never hear them complain. They are so appreciative and completely full of love and compassion. They are continuously rejoicing, praising, singing, and glorifying our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Through this trip my life will never be the same. My heart reaches out to the pastors that God has allowed me to get to know and love during the short time I was there. God has permitted me to see for myself what it means to sacrifice for the Gospel's sake. Brother and Sister Pitti are doing such a great work for the Lord in Honduras. I love you and thank God for you both. May God always bless you and be with you as you go for Him."

Rev. Jerry Barbee, Pastor—Independence PH, Bailey, NC

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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It's Time to Do Away With Sunday School

Why bother with Sunday school? It's way too much trouble, involves too many people, and besides—it's dying. No one who is anyone is still doing Sunday school. Churches are using their resources in other places, where they are more effective and yield a better return with respect to the investment of time, energy, and money. Let's admit it, Sunday school is a function of the past that has seen better days. It has simply run its course.

I can't think of a single benefit that comes out of Sunday school these days. All Sunday school has ever done for any church can be summarized in three things: Bible study, relationships, and prayer. What good are any of these in our world today? We are far too busy for them to yield any lasting good to us in a modern world.

Why should we want to know the Bible or gain a greater understanding of it? I mean, come on, how could a graded, systematic education from our earliest days as children possibly give us a clear understanding about God and ground us in genuine salvation or produce discipleship? How could listening to our teachers and watching them apply to their own lives the principles they teach inspire us? I mean, they are from a different generation than we are. How could we possibly benefit from the close relationships with people who genuinely care about us and hold us accountable for our faith and actions? We don't need other people; we can manage just fine on our own! And prayer is overrated. Why should I need to pray so often? I certainly don't want to be praying in front of other people… it's embarrassing. In any case, God is aware of where I am, and when I get in trouble—bad trouble—I'll call on him.

What? I can hear you screaming at this article right now! You probably think I have gone mad. The truth is that while we don't believe any of the things I have written so far, we certainly treat Sunday school as though every one of them is true! If the Sunday school in your church is dying, it is not dying because of a conscious decision, but because of benign neglect. Sunday school is dying for want of attention!

So, why should we direct some effort, resources, time and energy into Sunday school? In most small churches, and a good number of larger and even very large churches, the failure of the church to properly disciple believers and establish them in an environment with strong relationships is legendary. Small churches have the relationships, but they are not maturing the saints through effective teaching. Larger churches are producing excitement in worship and even in salvation, but are not deepening spiritual foundations through teaching and strong enough personal relationships, with the result that many spiritual experiences are simply fleeting, passing moments of spiritual fervor. In Jesus' words, promising spiritual beginnings are being choked out by the cares, anxieties, and even the temptations and allurements of this world.

Let's acknowledge this now: for many churches, Sunday school is the ready-made vehicle that we already have in place to do the three vital things that every Christian needs and must have in his spiritual experience if he is to mature and become productive for God. First, discipleship is critical.

Discipleship is the incremental growth of a Christian over a long period of time, which leads to successful application of the Bible in everyday life, resulting in confident and productive service in the kingdom of God (usually accruing direct benefit to some local church). Discipleship thrives on the dedicated impartation of fresh innovative and consistent teaching from the Word of God, where it is explained in a relevant way. It also requires a close enough relationship with others to see those principles at work as the teachers and other mature believers live them out.

Second, the key element of the early church was the depth of fellowship that was established in Christ when people were saved and added to the church (Acts 2:47). This kind of fellowship really means life sharing. Luke even observes that there were no needy people in the early church because of the depth of the relationships (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37). In a genuine, biblical Sunday school environment, believers support, encourage, uphold, and share with one another to such an extent that adversity is overcome and hardships are overpowered.

Third, Sunday school provides an environment of prayer, where people get hold of God for their own needs and for the needs of others. It is a place where caring produces unshakable faith in God, faith that is willing to seek and find God as the answer to life's hardships and difficulties. Make no mistake—everyone is going through these, believers and unbelievers alike. But how you get through the headaches of life and overcome the adversity and obstacles in your path: that is the question. Prayer enlists the help of God, who responds powerfully to prayer. Sunday school puts you in an environment that directly connects itself to the resources of God for this life.

Well, we have two choices. Either we do away with Sunday school, or we find some way to revitalize it.

–Paul F. Evans
NCCEM Secretary Treasurer, and Sunday School Coordinator
Pastor of Wilmington First Pentecostal Holiness Church

Bible Quest is a fun way to instill the Word in the lives of our youth, beginning at a very early age. Individual competition is available on the Primary level (6-8 years old). Both team and individual play is offered for Juniors (9-12 years old) and Teens (13-19 years old). In 2009, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Your Bible Quest materials can be purchased from LifeSprings Resources. You can reach them at 1-800-541-1376 or at www.lifespringsresources.com. They can answer all of your questions about which materials your team will need. You may also contact our conference Bible Quest coordinator, Patsy Vaughan, at pastorpatsy@embarqmail.com.

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Happy Thanksgiving!

"ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE; GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND PRAISE HIS NAME."

PSALM 100:4 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Two Questions: Can We Have a Brick? What's Next?

This past week has been an interesting one. It has been a unique blend of the past and future.

The old J. A. Culbreth Auditorium is being torn down. The board and I put it off as long as possible. We continued to use the building as long as the heat and air units worked. They died an ugly death this summer before camp meeting. The decision had been made several years ago to use the building until that happened. Research had indicated that $1.5 million would be needed to renovate the building and bring it up to code. The decision was clear but not easy.

The building has so many memories for all of us. I was licensed and ordained there. My youngest son was saved there. I have preached there. Many blessings have been received there from the preaching of the Word. It will soon be gone but not forgotten.

On the Saturday morning of the recent Fresh Fire, several of the staff and several of the teenagers interrupted me as I was cleaning the mortar off a collection of the Tabernacle bricks. (Betty and I will use the brick for memory walks at our home.) They wanted some bricks as keepsakes. I gladly granted them permission.

Two of the teenagers really blessed me. They spoke with fondness of blessings received in the building. They desired bricks. As they turned to leave, one asked, "What's coming next? What will be built in this spot?"

These young men were rejoicing in the past. They had a place in their heart for history, yet they were looking to the future. I was ecstatic. They had the right idea. We build on the past, but the future *is* ahead of us. The best is yet to come!

(This is not the purpose of this article, but a new building is being planned. The board and I are formulating and processing ideas. The first floor might be an Archives Center with at least one large meeting room for children's camp meeting and other meetings. A series of flags and a possible fountain will be out front. This will be the main presentation area of the campus. A second and possibly third floor will be included. These floors would be much needed additional dormitory space. Of course, the building will come after the new tabernacle is paid for. The building will be connected to the present cafeteria training center.)

On Saturday night, Brother Danny Nelson, Brother Luis Avila, and I organized the new Hispanic church, Restoration and Power, at the Mount Olive Church in Mount Olive. Pastor Jairo Tucubal is the Hispanic pastor, and Pastor Doug Bartlett is the Anglo pastor. I sat during the service and thought back to September 1986 when I first preached at Mount Olive. They had a new building but were struggling. They were under the conference Evangelism program. I was the Evangelism director. Now there is a new Hispanic church, and the Anglo church is running over 400 this past month. The Lord has richly blessed in the past, but the future is even brighter.

On Sunday morning I preached at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Bethel Church, pastored by Pastor Raymond Whitehurst. The church is planning to build a new fellowship hall. Here is one of the conference's oldest churches, and yet they are looking to the future.

During the past week, African-American Coordinator Reverend Stacy Hilliard and I met with a new prospective minister. He is planning to join our conference and bring his church in. He is one of many.

The conference was integrated until 1913. The whites and the blacks worshiped together, prayed together, and preached together. We separated in 1913 because of cultural pressure. The Lord is now bringing us together again. We are better together. There will be only one heaven. The Lord is doing a great work among us.

On Thursday coming, Betty and I will be present at the dedication of the new Holmes Bible College building on the new 42-acre plus campus. It is a beautiful new and spacious building. Holmes began on Paris Mountain, Greenville, South Carolina, in 1898. The new building is at the foot of Paris Mountain. It is a new day for a college moving into her second century.

It has been and will be quite a week. Lord, thank you for the past miracles. But we now need you more than ever before. Help us to move forward to the next level. Thank you for the bricks, but what is coming next? We have confidence that you will guide us!

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Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and World

by Michael Dowd. New York: Viking Press. 413 pages.

The Reverend Michael Dowd, a graduate of Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, claims to be America's evolutionary evangelist who dedicated this book to the glory of God. He has, as the cover stated, dedicated his life to proclaiming the "Great News" of a sacred view of cosmic, biological, and human evolution.

Evolution, according to Dowd, can be embraced as God-glorifying and Christ-edifying and does not in any way diminish religion. He contends that religion and science are two sides of the same coin. He makes an effort for a theistic evolutionary premise, attempting to satisfy natural science and religion, or "faith."

Calling for an evolutional Christianity, Dowd wrote, "A holy understanding of evolution will usher the world's religions into their greatness in the 21st century. Nothing is more important for the future of the human species than the emergence of evolutionary forms of every religious tradition." He seeks to make practically all scientists and all representatives of various faiths satisfied with his view of life. The "scriptures" he urges people to believe are empirical, observable data. This view gives reason as to why he refers to the "mythic story" of the Fall of Adam and Eve because it cannot be proven by empirical facts at the moment. He claims evolution is not a theory but fact. According to Dowd, "It is beyond dispute in the scientific community that our deepest and most basic brain structures were shaped within the skulls of our reptilian ancestors who ate, survived, and reproduced in an era that long preceded dinosaurs."

Throughout the book, many controversial statements such as these are made: (1) There is no place for belief in a literal Satan; (2) There is no evidence that "God" resides elsewhere outside the Universe. (3) The human brain was not designed by an all knowing, otherworldly God. (4) Our theology of salvation must be freed from otherworldly and unnatural interpretations. (5) From an evolutionary Christian perspective, the focus is the Christ enshrined in our sacred texts and creeds; it is here we find the mythic, Cosmic Christ in all His glory. (6) No matter your religion or philosophy, making a commitment to grow in deep integrity will offer you much the same experience as those who have repented of their sins and asked Jesus to be their personal Lord and Savior. (7) The New Testament is outdated (p. 197). (8) If a person is expected to give mental assent to word-based propositions in order to be saved, then God's love is hardly unconditional, nor is God's wisdom infinite. (9) The religious leaders who have most inspired me are those who proclaim that the greatest and boldest creedal asscrtions are in the future, not in the past. (10) The belief in the End Times that may have made sense in some communities of Christians in previous centuries is now not only dated but dangerous! (11) Somehow salvation must be available to those who cannot give their assent to literal interpretations of the Christian doctrines of virgin birth, resurrection, ascension, and so forth. (12) The centrality of the cross is taken to mean that only Christians who believe that God's Son suffered and died on the cross for their sins will ascend to a place somewhere outside the universe called heaven. Everyone else will be tortured forever in hell. This is an abstract, imaginary, otherworldly interpretation (p. 210).

In the attempt to reinterpret and revitalize the Gospel, "tongue speaking" (p. 212) Dowd deliberately sets out to destroy the Gospel. He stated, "The Gospel must no longer be restricted to those for whom the Bible is the centerpiece of God's revelation." This means God's Gospel must evolve to match the empirical data of today. It also implies that God's Word is not confined to ancient text. Bible faith comes from the past, not the future. We need faith for the future, but that faith comes from God's Word, written in the past. When we love the Earth and all of its "evolutionary processes" and hate any teaching that says the earth will pass away, then any statement of love for "God" is meaningless.

To add insult to injury, Dowd discusses speaking in tongues as his preferred method of meditation, and advises his readers to pretend to speak in a foreign language, vocalizing nonsensical sounds in a gentle, melodic, or rhythmic way and doing it in a way that comes naturally, babbling away in gentle ecstasy. The conscious mind is released from the bondage of words, thus linking the person to his or her animal origins.

Integrating evolution into the Christian faith does not improve the Christian faith or give credibility to evolution. Evolution does not offer a new and improved "Deity." If Satan does not exist, then God does not exist because the reality of Satan came from God Himself. My God is not a liar. If there are other ways of salvation, then Jesus is not the only way to the Father. Give me Jesus or no savior at all. If evolution does exist, should we anticipate a new and improved "Hitler"? If the story of creation is a myth, then God must be a myth because if He can't be trusted to tell the truth about the origin of life, then why bother with Him at all in the first place? A God who can lie and distort reality is no God at all. Instead of adding meaning and value to man, evolution diminishes him to the level of a crawling lizard, with no soul and no real means to glorify the Creator and Savior of the world.

It is no secret that apostasy is on the rise, and for those who know their Bible, that God knows how to deal with apostates. Those who bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, have a date with deity—not some mythical or magical being, but the Almighty Creator. If God spared not the angels that sinned nor the old world, nor the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, then He will reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished. Wickedness cloaked by a religious and spiritual garment hides nothing from God. Creating a thriving future for all by encouraging cooperation across all religious differences is not a part of God's plan.

Scripture: Its Power, Authority and Relevance

by Robert Saucy. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. 297 pages.

Affirmation, not reinterpretation, is desperately needed in our churches today. Charles Swindoll stated, "In every age people have aimed their flaming arrows of criticism at the sacred Scriptures, and never more so than today. The inerrancy of Scripture is not a doctrine to be trifled with. It is a bedrock issue, one of the few fundamentals of the faith." Modern views chip away at the foundations of our belief system and dangerously remove crucial parts that are essential for faith and practice. One's view of Scripture determines how Scripture will be treated, interpreted, and understood. Saucy calls for a high view of God and His Word, the most important book in the world.

This book serves as a textbook at Southeastern Seminary and is recognized as one of great authority concerning the value, validity, and credibility of Holy Scripture. As the Church's standard of belief, the Word of God is the final authority, and as Swindoll stated, "Without the Word of God as our standard, the church is open to every wind and wave of doctrine." The storms of false doctrine blow powerfully. Without the firm, strong belief of *sola scriptura*, the storms could cause shipwreck of our faith.

The publication consists of fourteen chapters and could easily be used for a 13-week study. Saucy answers such questions as (1) Why is the Bible called the Book of Life? (2) What is divine, general, and special revelation? (3) Is the Bible the inspired Word of God? (4) Is the Bible a human book? (5) Is the Bible reliable? (6) What has the Church believed about the Bible? (7) Which books belong in the Bible? (8) Is the Bible important today?

Just as Martin Luther said that his conscience was captive to the Word of God, it's also true for Robert Saucy. He understood that "only if the Scriptures are viewed as the infallible Word of God and made the final authority over our thoughts, feelings, and actions can we truly live by the Word of God. Only through an objective Word, which addresses our needs, can our Lord exercise His lordship over us." Amen.

John Wesley wrote, "I want to know one thing—the way to heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way. He hath written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be a man of one book." The Bible is knowledge enough for any Christian and sufficient to get a person to God and to heaven. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." (Mark 12:43-44)

We sing a little chorus that says, "Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son; we give thanks…"

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am grateful for all the blessings the Lord has given us. The blessings are too numerous to list, but we are grateful. My thoughts go to the widow who gave all she had because she radically loved her Lord. What would happen if we could catch that same spirit? You may be asking yourself, "What can I do to demonstrate the love of Christ?"

Here are a few suggestions for this Thanksgiving:

- Purchase gift certificates from a local grocery chain that entitle the recipient to a free Thanksgiving meal. Hand-deliver the certificates to local needy families, expressing that in a season of thankfulness, Christ is everything!
- Consider providing meals or at least desserts for the local police or fire stations, emergency room staff, or public utility staff that work through the holiday.
- Invite to your home for Thanksgiving a coworker, neighbor, or college student who has no place to go.

The NCWM Board and I consider each of you to be a tremendous blessing. We are grateful to you and for you!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Remove stickers from glass by rubbing with a bit of cooking oil.
- Can't open tight jar lids? Just put on a rubber glove and twist. Or wrap a few rubber bands around the lid for traction.
- If you drop an egg on the floor, cover it with salt and leave it alone for 2 minutes. The salt absorbs the egg and makes it easier to wipe up.
- To clean dirty collars, rub a dab of shampoo into the fabric before washing. Shampoo contains chemicals that dissolve body oils.

Thank You…

"Wow! Thank you so much for all the scholarships for Emmanuel College. God still amazes me with all the help He has given me while attending Emmanuel. Your generous contribution, thoughts, and prayers mean a lot to me. God has blessed me so much, and I hope and pray that I will be able to do the same. Again, thank you, and may God bless the Women's Ministries for all their love and support."

God Bless,
Jake Bunn

(Jake is a member of the Goldsboro First Church and was awarded WM Scholarships from the FOI funds at the WM Convention in June.)

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AMERICA

(My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

Text: Samuel F. Smith, 1808-1895

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to thee,
Author of liberty, to thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

We don't hear this song sung much any more, but we should, because as far back as I can remember, there seems to have been some kind of war going on. All through our history, our fathers, sons, uncles, and brothers have been dying for freedom.

I remember hearing my family talk about World Wars I and II. My dad and his brothers were involved in World War II. Rows of crosses mark the graves of those who died in these conflicts.

When I was a teenager, there was the Vietnam War. When I turned 17, I convinced my mom that it was the right thing for me to join the Army and serve my country. I wanted to be a part of protecting our country and freedom even if I didn't understand all of what was going on in Vietnam. I never got the opportunity to find out because I was turned down due to medical reasons.

It seems as if one war hardly finishes before another crops up somewhere in the world where people are fighting to be free. And Americans are always right there in the middle, willing to help out.

Now our country is involved in yet another war. But this enemy is harder to find. The enemies of the soldiers of freedom aren't clearly marked in uniforms. They don't march into battle waving their country's flag. They don't fight face to face. It is the war of 9-11, where terrorists strike civilians, and men and women die in the streets. The United States has men and women in both Afghanistan and Iraq, serving our country, protecting our freedom, fighting the enemy of terrorism.

These young men and women serving in the military today need us as much as we need them. They need our prayers daily. They need for us to stay on our knees before God and cry out for them.

I challenge all to lift up our warriors across this nation who are fighting for our freedom.

Ephesians 6:10 tells us to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. In the next few verses, Paul tells us how to prepare ourselves daily for the things of this world. Then in verse 18, he sums it up like this: "*Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.*"

The author of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" agreed with Paul. As the song says, we need the Author of liberty to lend us His might. We need to ask Him daily to protect our sons and daughters as they bear arms to protect others.

Please take this challenge to heart—they need us.

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The Revolutionary Cry

Josiah instituted sweeping reforms that brought spiritual restoration and revival to God's people who had forsaken Him to worship idols. It was Josiah who lifted up a "**revolutionary cry**" over the people of God.

2 Chronicles 34:3—"For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, **he began to seek the God** of his father David…"

2 Chronicles 34:27—"Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and against its inhabitants, and because you humbled yourself before me, tore your clothes and wept before me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD."

These verses describe a young man who is lifting up a "revolutionary cry" before God, asking Him to visit His people in a new and fresh way, especially the last part of verse 27—"…Because you **humbled** yourself…. **tore your clothes**, and **wept before me**…" Here we see the three aspects of the "revolutionary cry": 1) **He humbled himself**: this really means he changed his attitude about himself because he took another look at God. When our perspective of the divine, the holy, the Almighty is as it should be, there will be no place for pride, no place for thinking ourselves having arrived spiritually. 2) **He tore his clothes**: the evidence of deep repentance and sorrowfulness for sin, no attempt to excuse or rationalize the sin, but accepting and admitting that God is right and I am wrong. It is to come to the realization that God hates sin. 3) **He wept**: this reflects the deep, heartfelt prayer for God's help and His presence.

It is obvious that this young man got it! He knew that a spiritual revolution was the result of a "**revolutionary cry**."

We hear the prophet Isaiah say (Isa. 12:6), "**Cry out** and **shout**, thou inhabitant of ZIon: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee." But neither Josiah nor the prophet Isaiah is alone in lifting up this revolutionary cry that leads to God's doing something new and fresh in the lives of His people.

IT IS OFT REPEATED BY THE PSALMIST:

(PS. 34:17, ESV)
When the righteous **cry** for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

(PS. 107:28, NKJ)
Then they **cry** out to the LORD in their trouble
And He brings them out of their distress.

(PS. 145:19)
He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their **cry** and save them.

(PS. 56:9, NKJ)
When I **cry** out *to You*,
Then my enemies will turn back;
This I know, because God *is* for me.

(PS. 106:44, NKJ)
Nevertheless He regarded their affliction,
When He heard their **cry**.

We must never forget the picture of the revolutionary from heaven as He hung upon the cross, dying in our place. From that place of suffering and sacrifice He lifted up a "revolutionary cry" as He took upon Himself the sins of the world.

Matthew 27:45-54 (ESV): Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus **cried out** with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus **cried out again with a loud voice** and yielded up his spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

That revolutionary cry launched a "spiritual revolution" that crushed hell and opened the door to heaven for all who put their faith in Him. Some radical and unprecedented things occurred as this revolutionary, the Son of God, lifted up a "cry." The curtain in the temple was torn in two; the earth shook, rocks split; tombs were opened; sleeping saints arose; and the unbelieving world was heard to say, "Truly this was the Son of God." The centurion would have been more accurate had he said, "Truly this is the Son of God" because He wasn't finished—in three days He would show Himself alive. And it gives me great joy to remind us all that we have not heard the last cry from this divine revolutionary. Paul tells us in 1 Thess. 4:16 (ESV), "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord."

I want to hear that "revolutionary cry" on the day of His coming. It is our hope and our expectation.

In our recent district conferences, Bishop Thompson introduced the theme for the year 2009. He simply asked us to answer the question, "Who is Jesus to you?" My answer: "He is the spiritual revolutionary!" As such, He led the overthrow of the kingdom of darkness to establish His own kingdom of light. He brought about a radical change in the lives of His followers by establishing His kingdom in their hearts. He has become the center of all things to those who call Him Savior. As His people, we are called to lead a "spiritual revolution." Such a divine visitation has its foundation in the people of God lifting up a "revolutionary cry" to Him.

—by Rev. Randal Strickland

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Love in the Shape of a Cross

Years ago, during the week of Piedmont Camp Meeting, one of the men from the Salem Pentecostal Holiness Church took a group of young people for a hike up the mountain. During that hike, we enjoyed all of God's creation and the fact that we had the opportunity to do something for the afternoon. While taking a break on the hike, one of the younger boys picked up a branch from a tree and, doing what most boys would do with a stick of any kind, hit it against an old decaying tree that had fallen.

The result was that pieces of the branch flew everywhere. One of the pieces landed next to me, and I happened to look down at it and saw that it was a cross. It wasn't just a simple cross, but one with a gnarled shape on one side that resembled the outline of a body. After examining the cross, I asked the Lord, "What does this mean? Does it mean that maybe I will have to sacrifice my life for You?" But just as surely as I looked at the cross, my thoughts were of His great love for me. How could He love me that much? I am nobody except that I love Him and want to serve Him more than anything in this world. All through the years, I have tried to do just that, no matter what comes my way. Just as Job said in Job 13:15, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him."

As the years have flown by, I am reminded that I am getting older, and, of course, there are those near and dear to me who make sure that others know also! All joking aside, I marvel at the life the Lord has given me to live. I have had hard times, just as every one of you has had, because we all are human and live in this world with all its heartaches and problems, but God is still on the throne and reigning triumphant.

I have also had so many blessings come my way that I could never begin to list them. I do thank God for my husband, and I could not have chosen anyone to match the kind of person he is. He was truly God-given and God-chosen for me. I thank God for our family: our boys and girls and, of course, our grandbaby. I thank God for my mother-in-law, who lives with us and puts up with me. I also thank God for all of our friends and loved ones God has given. You mean so much to us, and we do thank God for all of you.

I probably could go on and on being thankful, but most of all, I thank God for His love. A few weeks ago, when I went to the parking lot to get in my car, I looked down at the pavement beside my car, and there was another little wooden cross, the same size as the first one. Of course the thought entered my mind again: "Does this mean that I am to suffer for you?" But just as in the first instance, God reminded me of His great love. Of course this time, a few years, many heartaches, and many, many blessings have come and gone, but God is ever there, reminding me of His great love.

Maybe you won't notice a small wooden cross lying on the ground, or see a glorious sunset, or notice that person who always has an encouraging word for you, but God loves you just the same. So open your eyes and your heart to the Lord and what He has prepared just for you. You are precious to Him. John 15:13, 14 says, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Love God for the life He has given you to live for Him, and look for those little wooden crosses, whether in a child's sweet face or in the time-worn hands of a precious senior saint.

Don't forget that Thanksgiving will be here in a few weeks, and in order to be truly thankful, you need to be able to share what you have with someone else. Time seems to be our most valuable possession, and just to share some time with someone would be the greatest blessing to you and the person with whom you spend time. There are many people in nursing homes or hospitals who have no one with whom to share their stories or memories.

I remember when I was in school at Emmanuel and the John Freeman Mission Group went to the hospital and nursing center on hospital visitation every Thursday afternoon. One lady I remember was blind, and all of her family lived in other parts of the state. We would go and read to her, and she so enjoyed our visits. When we read from the Bible, she would say, "Oh, I remember reading that!" Our visits may have been the highlight of her day, but we thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her and reliving some of her memories. Even though she was physically blind, she was such a joy, and you knew that she knew Jesus as her Savior!

We have much to be thankful for in our Christian lives. Let us learn to share what we have, no matter how small.

May God bless each of you, and may you have a blessed Thanksgiving Season! Until next time…

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The Santa Claus Train

Did you know that the Harvest Train we now celebrate each year on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving started out as the Santa Claus Train? After Rev. John Brooks returned from the mission field, he was asked to serve as superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home. Just a few years before this time, the Children's Home had been turned over to the Pentecostal Holiness Church to supervise. Upon becoming superintendent, Brother Brooks realized that the church did not fully conceive what the cost and care of the orphanage really meant.

During Brother Brooks' time as superintendent, the Children's Home tried having a dairy, along with working a farm. As time went by, he became more and more discouraged and sought advice from friends about the finances. All kinds of ideas were presented, but nothing seemed to bring in the finances that were needed. Many people prayed, and then Mrs. Lila Berry came up with the idea of a Santa Claus Train.

Brother Brooks, Mrs. Berry, and Miss Daisy Jones (Morris), PYPS president, put together a letter, signed it, and sent it to the churches. The letter was dated November 30, 1949, and asked that all youth leaders and auxiliaries cooperate with their pastors and form a Santa Claus Train. The plan was all laid out in the letter. The decorated cars and trucks were to be filled with toys, clothes, and all types of provisions for the upkeep of the children and the home. The Santa Claus Train was to form in the small town of Godwin on Wednesday, December 14, 1949, promptly at 2:00 p.m.

The letter states, "Your trucks and cars loaded with hams, potatoes, canned goods, chickens, hogs, fruit and many other things you can get, will bring much happiness to our orphanage. Your faces will add much to their Christmas Joy! A short program will be presented by the orphanage children in the auditorium while your trucks and cars are being unloaded." In response to the letter, some ten or twelve cars and about eight trucks made up this first train.

Several years later, in a letter from Mrs. Berry to Rev. Eddie Morris, Mrs. Berry told Brother Morris that she was an orphan who had been taken in by her own relatives. She also informed Brother Morris that in 1911, Rev. S. D. Page came to her home church (Beech Springs, S.C.) for revival services and spoke of the Falcon Orphanage and its needs. She was so moved that she went home and gathered her dolls and sent them to the girls at the home.

In 1924, Mrs. Berry moved with her family to Falcon to teach in the Falcon Holiness School and had some of the children in her classes. Mrs. Lila's heart was even more touched with the needs of the girls, and she shared with them from her meager salary and denied herself necessities in order to help the girls. While she and her husband, Rev. John Berry, were pastoring in Whiteville, she asked Brother Culbreth if their youth group could adopt the children to clothe. Brother Culbreth objected to the idea because he was afraid that some would receive more than others.

When Dr. A. C. Holland was elected superintendent of the orphanage, Mrs. Berry rushed back to ask him about sponsorship of the children. Brother Holland agreed, and she succeeded in getting a sponsor for every child! This was all before the days of the Women's Auxiliary and the Santa Claus Train.

Mrs. Berry's heart was always with the Falcon Orphanage. Mrs. Blanche King, in later years, introduced Mrs. Berry to a convention by saying, "The Falcon Orphanage is Mrs. Berry's heartbeat."

Many Harvest Trains have come and gone, and there are many people of the churches and surrounding area that have accepted the burden of caring for the children of Falcon Children's Home. Civic groups from all over North Carolina and other areas sponsor events for the children of the Children's Home all through the year.

God has blessed the Children's Home in many ways through the years, and I am confident that the future will be no different. One of the more recent examples of God's hand on Falcon Children's Home is in the way God chose and placed the home's new superintendent, Brother Joseph Leggett. There is no doubt God put Brother Joey in place at the Children's Home. Praise God for His mighty hand on Brother Joey's every step in preparing him throughout his life for the job of superintendent of the Falcon Children's Home!

DR. VINSON SYNAN IS COMING!

We are excited about our Archives Training for 2009. Dr. Vinson Synan, the Pentecostal Holiness Church's well-known historian, minister, and teacher, is coming to speak for our Archives Training on Saturday, January 24, 2009. We are in the process of making plans for the Training Day and hope you will make plans to join us in these informative meetings. Brother Synan will talk to us about our great church's history, and you will be sure to learn some things you were not aware of before the meeting.

Preparations are not complete, but be sure to put the Archives Training on your calendar because you will not want to miss the presentation by Dr. Synan. Mark January 24, 2009, as a special day on your calendar!

Until next time…

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Dones y Ministerios en Las Iglesias

1 Tesalonicenses 5:11 dice: Por lo cual, animaos unos a otros, y edificaos unos a otros, así como lo hacéis." La palabra edificar viene de una palabra griega oikodome que denota el acto de construir (**oikos**, un hogar, **demo**, construir), se usa figuradamente en el NT, en el sentido de edificación, o promoción del crecimiento espiritual.

Romanos 14:19 dice: Así que, sigamos lo que contribuye a la paz y a la mutua edificación." También en Romanos 15:2 encontramos lo siguiente: "Cada uno de nosotros agrade a su prójimo en lo que es bueno, para edificación."

Efesios 4:11-12 habla directo al asunto de los dones y ministerios: "Y el mismo constituyó a unos, apóstoles; a otros, profetas; a otros, evangelistas; a otros, pastores y maestros, a fin de perfeccionar a los santos para la obra del ministerio, para la edificación del cuerpo de Cristo..."

La palabra edificar se usa en sentido figurado, con respecto a edificar, de promover el crecimiento espiritual y el desarrollo del carácter de los creyentes, por el medio que se esté usando.

Este edificar esta relacionado con varias cosas en la Biblia, por ejemplo

1. Los creyentes son edificados por medio de las buenas obras de otros, Romanos 14:19
2. Por medios o maneras en que otros creyentes, especialmente los mas débiles, puedan ser edificados. Romanos 15:2
3. Por medio de la profecía y la enseñanza. 1 Corintios 14:3,
4. Por medio de los dones espirituales, 1 Corintios 14:12
5. Por medio de otros dones y ministerios, 1 Corintios 14:26
6. Ejercicio de la autoridad ministerial dada por Dios, como en este caso la autoridad apostólica de Pablo 2 Corintios 10:8; 2 Corintios. 13:10
7. Por la exhortación y lo que hablamos, 2 Corintios 12:19
8. Por el ejercicio de los ministerios a favor de los creyentes, Efesios 4:12,16

Es claro entonces que debemos usar todos los medios posibles para edificarnos mutuamente, de manera que estemos creciendo en el conocimiento, caminar y semejanza de Cristo Jesús. Nuestro servicio al Señor y los demás con los dones, ministerios y talentos que hemos recibido de Dios, es una forma de edificar y ayudar a crecer y desarrollar a otros como individuos y también iglesias o congregaciones enteras.

Dios ha bendecido el ministerio de hispano de nuestra conferencia con grandes talentos, dones y ministerios que están disponibles para bendecir y edificar la vidas de otros. Es por eso que deseo seguir mencionando algunas otras personas, quienes tienen dones y ministerios extraordinarios, los cuales si se usan podrán traer mucha bendición.

El pastor Isaí Ramos de Charlotte, es un gran pastor, pero también una persona con experiencia en programas radiales por medio del internet, también puede ayudar a pastores sobre como ministrar en las cárceles, debido a su taryectoria en ese ministerio.

El hermano William Vásquez, es un ministro licenciado de la Conferencia. El hermano Vasquez es un ganador de almas, pero también una persona experimentada en capacitar cristianos con el método de Evangelismo Explosivo para ganar personas para Cristo.

El pastor Enrry Cantarero pastor de Clinton, es un buen locutor de programas cristianos radiales, pero también tiene experiencia en crear diseños para boletines, afiches, logos y otros trabajos en computadora.

El pastor Joel Pava de Elizabethtown, es un tremendo orador y pastor, pero también un trabajador social quien tiene la capacidad de ayudar a pastores y líderes aconsejándoles sobre como guiar y orientar a familias con problemas de violencia y otros similares.

La esposa del pastor Abraham Rodríguez, **la hermana Melissa Rodríguez** de Greenville, es una extraordinaria psicóloga y consejera. Ella será de mucha bendición para aquellos hermanos que desean buscar ayuda y orientación en sus problemas personales.

El pastor Luis Manríquez ha creado un ministerio musical hermoso de personas que saben tocar guitarra en su iglesia. El ha ayudado a muchos para aprender a tocar guitarra. Sus dones y habilidades serán una bendición para otros que desean aprender.

La pastora Juana Pena de Selma es una gran pastora, pero también tiene grandes conocimientos y habilidades en como trabajar con bancos y distribución de comida. Cientos de personas se han beneficiado por el trabajo y la iniciativa de esta mujer de Dios.

Así mis queridos lectores hay muchas personas más, de los cuales

el tiempo y espacio no me alcanzaría para mencionar y a quienes Dios ha dotado de grandes conocimientos, que el Señor quiere usar para bendecir a otros. Pablo el apóstol dijo en Romanos 1:11 que él deseaba ver a los hermanos de Roma, "porque quería comunicar algún don espiritual, a fin de que fueran confirmados". Esta palabra comunicar implica liberalidad o generosidad. Creo que debemos comunicar o dar a otros lo que el Señor nos ha dado, para que sean edificados y bendecidos. Usted tiene dones, talentos y habilidades, úselos para ministrar y edificar; construir la vida de otros.

Gifts and Ministries in the Church

1 Thessalonians 5:11 says, "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." The word *edify* comes from a Greek word *oikodomeo*, which denotes the act of building (*oikos*, a home; *domeo*, construct) and is used figuratively in the New Testament, in the sense of *edification*, or promotion of spiritual growth.

Romans 14:19 says, "Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another." Also in Romans 15:2 we find this: "Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification."

Ephesians 4:11, 12 speaks directly to the area of the gifts and ministries: "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ…" The word *edify* is used in building figuratively, with regard to building and promoting spiritual growth and character development of believers by whatever means you're using.

This building is related to several things in the Bible, for example:

1. Believers are built through the good works of others (Romans 14:19)
2. By means or ways in which other believers, especially those who need most, can be built (Romans 15:2)
3. Through the gift of prophecy and teaching (1 Corinthians 14:3)
4. Through the spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:12)
5. Through gifts and other ministries (1 Corinthians 14:26)
6. Exercise of ministerial authority given by God, as in this case, the apostolic authority of Paul (2 Corinthians 10:8; 2 Corinthians 13:10)
7. Exhortation and what we speak to others (2 Corinthians 12:19)
8. For the exercise of ministries in favor of believers (Ephesians 4:12, 16)

It is clear that we must use all possible means to build each other up, so that we grow in knowledge, walking in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Our service to the Lord and others with the gifts, ministries, and talents we have received from God is a way to build and help others grow and develop as individuals and churches or congregations as well.

God has blessed the Hispanic Ministry of Conference with great talents, gifts, and ministries that are available to bless and build the lives of others. That's why I want to continue by mentioning some other people who have extraordinary gifts and ministries, which, if used, could bring much blessing.

Pastor Isaí Ramos from Charlotte is a great pastor, but also a person with experience in radio programs using the Internet; he can also help pastors on how to minister in prisons because of their trajectory in that ministry.

Brother William Vasquez is a licensed minister of the conference. Brother Vasquez is a soul winner, but also a person experienced in training Christians, using the method of Explosive Evangelism to win people for Christ.

Pastor Enrry Cantarero of Clinton is a good speaker on Christian radio programs, but also has experience in creating and designing newsletters, posters, logos, and other works using the computer.

Pastor Joel Pava of Elizabethtown is a tremendous speaker and pastor, but also a social worker who has the ability to help pastors and leaders, advising how to guide and orient families with problems of violence and other family problems.

The wife of the pastor Abraham Rodriguez, **Sister Melissa Rodriguez** of Greenville, is an extraordinary psychologist and counselor. She will be a blessing to those brothers who wish to seek help and guidance in their personal problems.

Pastor Luis Manriquez has created a beautiful musical ministry with people who know how to play guitar in his church. He has helped many to learn to play guitar. His gifts and skills will be a blessing to others who want to learn.

Pastor Juana Pena Selma is a great pastor, but also has great knowledge and skills in how to work with food banks and food distribution. Hundreds of people have benefited from the work and initiative of this woman of God.

My dear readers, there are many more people I don't have the time and space to mention, people whom God has endowed with great knowledge that the Lord wants to use to bless others. The apostle Paul said in Romans 1:11, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established…" The word *impart* means the apostle Paul exercised his spiritual gifts and, in so doing, blessed others. I think we should exercise the gifts the Lord has given us and minister to others in order to build them up and bless them. You have gifts, talents, and abilities; use them to minister and build the lives of others.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

H. P. & Alice Woodard

Celebrating 61 Years Together!

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Tim & Ruth Creel

Tim Creel has a unique story. He had the advantage of being born in a Christian home – not with parents rich in this world's goods, but rich in things spiritual and godly. His parents worked in the cotton mill, and that one statement is key to knowing that his family lived on a very tight budget. There were six other children in the family, and most of them at an early age assisted the family budget by taking little jobs. Tim started delivering newspapers at age seven and used his salary for school supplies and lunch money.

Tim was saved when he was 6 years old, was sanctified and joined the church at age 10, was baptized at age 12, and was called to preach when he was 14. His first effort at preaching was at the Angier Avenue Mission in Durham, NC. He received his ministerial credentials from the Western NC Conference, received his mission worker's license in 1955, minister's license in 1956, and ordination in 1958. He was assigned his first church at age 16. At age 19 he was the youngest ordained minister in the conference. During all these years he was preparing himself for ministry by graduating from high school and Holmes Bible College and taking special courses from Emmanuel College.

When at Holmes, he met Miss Lillian Underwood, a lady from Sanford, NC, and they were married in July 1960. God gave them 29 years together and 4 children before her untimely death from cancer in April 1989 while they were serving the Pike's Cross Road Church. Before they joined the NC Conference, Tim and Lillian served churches in the Western NC Conference and Canada. Since joining our conference, they pastored six churches (two of them more than once).

While Tim was pastor at Pike's Cross Road, God sent into his life Ms. Ruth Adams Mills, and they were married in October 1990. Together they completed their pastoral ministry, with Tim retiring in 2004. Ruth was employed by the State of NC and worked for a Superior Court judge. She retired in 2006, and she and Tim moved to the Greenville, NC, area. In March 2005 Tim became interim pastor of the Calvary Temple Church at Winterville, NC, where he continues to serve.

Tim and Ruth enjoy pastoring, reading, walking, and hosting their large family of 6 children and 17 grandchildren. They are a delightful couple who continue to enjoy serving the Lord and helping others find God and His will for their lives.

– Plan Now to Attend –

Retired Ministers and Spouses

Christmas Luncheon

Featuring Gospel Music Singer

Mr. Tony Gibson

Thursday, December 4, 2008, 11 o'clock a.m.

Conference Cafeteria/Training Center – Falcon, North Carolina

Where Are They Now...? (continued)

Rev. John & Della Slye

John Slye will tell you, "It's never too late to give your heart to the Lord." He was saved when he was 29 years old, and since that wonderful day in 1950, he has worked very hard to make up for all lost time in serving God, and his record will prove it.

He and his wife, Della, were married in June 1946. Four years and two children later, he answered the call of God that had been on his heart since he was a boy of just seven years old.

He received his mission worker's license in 1958 from the Western NC Conference and his minister's license (1960) and ordination (1962) from the NC Conference. Within months he was assigned his first church (Clayton), where he built an educational building. From there he went to Fuquay-Varina, Holly Hill, and Kenly.

In 1966, John felt the Lord leading him to join the Mid-Atlantic Conference, where he pastored the Northwest Washington, D. C., Church for 11 years. Moving back to the NC Conference in 1976, he spent the next 21 years pastoring churches, winning souls to the Savior, and building and refurbishing churches, parsonages, and educational buildings until his retirement in 1987.

John and Della make their home in Dudley, NC, which is just outside Goldsboro, and they attend the Liberty PH Church, where Rev. Berry House is pastor. At 87 years, John still preaches when called upon. Mrs. Slye continues to enjoy good health. They have two children (Patricia and Edward), nine grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. They have been married for 51 years, and they both love each other and the Lord more than ever!

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A couple of days ago I turned the calendar to October and thus began my favorite quarter of the year for a host of reasons. Turning leaves, anticipation of my favorite pastime, cooler temperatures, the holiday season. This morning I have been contemplating this season of the year, which, when you receive this article, we will have entered. It is the holiday season, as many, myself included, call it. It is a time of Thanksgiving, praise, celebration, and festivities. Actually, when you really think about it, every month and every day should be considered the holiday season as it regards thanksgiving, praise, and celebration.

It seems perhaps a strange scripture reference for an article on Thanksgiving; however, I've always been fascinated by David's Psalm in the eighth chapter, verse 1: *"O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your Name in all the earth!"* At the end of the chapter, he concludes with the same declaration. However in this chapter on the glory of God in creation, there are two other lines that thrill me: verse 4, *"What is man that You are mindful of him?"* and verse 5b, *"and You have crowned him with glory and honor."* As I thought about those verses, a hymn surfaced from my memory:

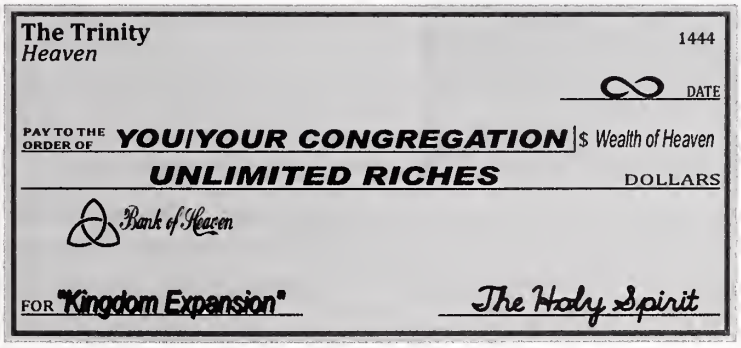
> I stand amazed in the presence/ Of Jesus the Nazarene/ And wonder how He could love me/ A sinner, condemned, unclean./ O how marvelous! O how wonderful!/ And my song shall ever be/ O how marvelous! O how wonderful!/ Is my Savior's love for me!

I praise God for life, my creation, my salvation, my relationship/fellowship with Him, my wife, my family, my calling, my church, and on and on! I praise God for the North Carolina Conference, the great people who make up 235-plus churches, pastors, ministers, my conference Bishop, leadership team, and personnel. I praise Him for the position He has placed me in, and yet I am constantly aware of the fact that, in myself, I am totally inadequate.

When I inspect what God has done and is doing through the NC Conference for His glory, I am truly amazed. Though only three quarters finished, Evangelism Ministries 2008 will prove again to be a great year, as many churches are experiencing a harvest of souls, growth, and discipleship advances in their congregations. And in World Missions Ministries, even in spite of a slowed economy and financial stress for many, again this will be a banner year for participation and financial investment in the global harvest. I can truly say, "You are the greatest conference across this great movement that we call the IPHC."

Yet if Jesus tarries, we can't rest on the accomplishments of 2008; we praise our God and plan for the future, using 2008 and the years of the past as our springboard to our **GREATEST DAYS** because they are ahead of us.

Our 2009 theme, as presented to us by Bishop Thompson, is "**HE IS**." As far as Evangelism/World Missions Ministries is concerned, *He is*.



"OUR BLANK CHECK"

He is what we need and desire Him to be—both in our individual lives and in the lives of our congregations. I give to you three words that will enable you to realize and receive what God wants to do through your life and church in 2009:

1. God's ***Challenge***: Malachi 3:10b, *"Try me now in this."*

   Prove Him, believe Him for clarity in vision. Find His direction and get on board!

2. Our ***Obedience***: Luke 5:5, *"Nevertheless at Thy word, we will let down the net."*

   In spite of my ideas, thoughts, ways, I must find His directive(s) and *obey!*

3. The ***Potential***: Eph. 3:20, *"He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask for think (dream) according to the power that works in us."*

   What potential! Add to that Luke 5:6a, *"And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish so that the net began to break."*

Yes, I praise my God for His bounty in many ways in 2008; however, the greatest days for us are ahead!

I challenge you, pastors, to get your people involved, let them go in the challenges of 2009. Below are some of the major events Evangelism/World Missions Ministries will sponsor for the year: *Will you be a part?*

- Great Commission Meals (Missions Meals): March 2-17
- The Anointing II: March 26-28 (The First Church – Goldsboro)
- Evangelism Summits: April 20, 21, 23
- City Quest: October 8-10: Falcon

I also challenge pastors/churches to be participants in "Churches Mothering Churches."

Remember that all we're doing is
INVESTING IN ETERNITY

God bless you as we enter this great time of the year!
Psalms 8:4, 5

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH MINISTRIES – GOSPEL TABERNACLE PH CHURCH – DUNN, NC

On June 25, 2008, the Lighthouse Youth Ministries Missions Team from Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn, NC, set out for Costa Rica. Led by Pastor Kelly Clarke, they were loaded with big plans to minister the gospel of Christ and perform various construction and restorative projects throughout the Pentecostal churches in that country for nine days. This two-week trip was to be phase two of the Lighthouse's "construction" work in this beautiful country, as another team from the Lighthouse had dug and built the block foundations for a Costa Rican church back in 2001. The 2008 team was excited to be "going back" to Costa Rica to see the church completed and see how it had grown since its construction in 2001. To their delight and the glory of God, the team was able to paint, perform repairs, and hold nightly drama and preaching services in that very church and throughout Costa Rica. They were warmly welcomed by the compassionate and sincere Christians who worshiped there. The team was amazed by the landscapes, simplicity of the people, and fervor of their worship.

Prior to and throughout the trip, the team planned closely with Pastor Fernando Angulo, the Hispanic pastor of an outgrowth church of Gospel Tabernacle, assembling supplies and materials, putting together work projects, church services, and street ministry opportunities. Susannah Angulo, Pastor Fernando's teenage daughter, was also a vital member of the team as she and her father are Costa Rican natives and served as invaluable interpreters for the team.

Clay Adams, a lifelong member of Gospel Tabernacle, was also a great help to the team's efforts in Costa Rica. He not only served as a tour guide in various parts of the country, but also hosted the entire 13-member team in a brief respite on the beautiful beaches of the rich coast.

In all, this was one of the most productive missions events in the Lighthouse's extensive history of trips. The team was very mature and focused and sought opportunities to grow in Christ and serve.

Missions team members (13 in all): Pastor Kelly Clarke, Pastor Fernando Angulo, Jon Gaddis, Stan White, Belinda Mason, Graham White, Zach Norris, Sarah Tart, Casee Hill, Kasie Core, Susanna Angulo, Brittany Hinson, and Cheryl Stevens.

Consumed by the Light,
Kelly Clarke

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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Catch the Fire!

by Rev. Greg Dixon, Assistant Conference CEM Director and Youth Pastor of Stedman PHC

Students rushed in one by one. The music engaged their souls immediately as they walked into the "Temple." Old friendships were renewed, and new acquaintances became lifelong friends. Teenagers hurried to find their seats as the countdown edged closer to the end: *5, 4, 3, 2, 1!* The countdown reached zero, and with a loud shout, *Fresh Fire* began! After a couple of opening videos that set the tone for the weekend, Pastor Kelly Clarke welcomed each individual to what promised to be an amazing weekend in which each person could leave with a "Fresh Fire" from the Lord. Friday night welcomed everyone with a light atmosphere. Christian Comedian David Ferrell kept the audience with smiles on their faces as he shared his gift of laughter while encouraging everyone to use what God has given them to make a difference where they are. Later, the Fresh Fire Praise Band brought the evening to a close in a special time of offering praise and worship to the Father, leaving everyone excited about what God had in store for the next day.

Saturday was a brand new day full of anticipation and excitement. Once again, the praise team led the audience into the presence of God. The featured speaker for the weekend, Warren Beemer, took the stage and directed the students to the Word of God. With the anointing that God has given him, Pastor Warren brought the story of Amnon, Tamar, Jonadab, David, and Absalom to life. Students flooded to the altar in response to the Holy Spirit dealing with them as they found themselves out of God's will for their lives.

Saturday afternoon was an amazing time for youth leaders as Pastor Warren poured into each leader with a session that was designed just for them. He used the text from 2 Kings 4, a passage that speaks about Elisha and the widow's oil. He spoke of how the widow told Elisha that the only thing she had was a jar of oil. Obeying Elisha's counsel, she and her son brought all the vessels they could find, and then she began to pour her oil into the vessels. The oil did not stop pouring from this small jar until there were no more vessels to pour into. Pastor Warren translated that each youth leader has "something." Each youth leader has a "jar of oil" somewhere in the house. If we will pour out what we have into the empty vessels, that is, our young people, then God will see to it that what we have in the house is enough. As long as we continue to bring those empty vessels near, He will see to it that the oil never runs out. The session ended with prayer, after which each youth leader walked away feeling refreshed and encouraged.

Saturday night was a night that almost can't be described. One of the common criticisms about this generation is that they haven't experienced a genuine move of the Holy Spirit as the generations before them have. Those who were at *Fresh Fire* can now say beyond a shadow of a doubt that they have experienced a move of the Holy Spirit! During a time of worship, students flooded the altar to receive salvation. Others cried out to God to break addictions and to receive deliverance. Many more came to altar to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In all, several hours were spent at the altar praying for students. Over 10 students received salvation for the first time, and over 50 students received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit for the first time.

Fresh Fire is about more than just having another church outing. It is a life-changing experience for students and adults. Those who attend leave with what is promised to them: a life that burns brighter with a renewed passion to serve Jesus Christ. If you didn't attend this year, make plans to be at *Fresh Fire* next year so that you, too, can *Catch the Fire!*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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We Have a Story to Tell!

The angels sang at His birth. They had a story to tell! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14).

The angel of the Lord spoke to the shepherds. He had a story to tell, and he told it! "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:9-10).

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, had been mute for nine months. Then his son, John, the forerunner of Christ, was born. Zacharias' tongue was loosed. He had a story to tell, and he told it! "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..." (Luke 1:68-69).

Simeon, a just and devout man, in Jerusalem was waiting for the consolation of Israel. The Holy Ghost was upon him. On seeing Jesus, he had a story to tell, and he told it. "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:30-32).

Anna was a prophetess who worshiped constantly in the temple. She served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She had a story to tell, and she told it! "And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spoke of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38).

Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, His forerunner, had a story to tell, and she told it! "And she spoke out with a loud voice and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:42-43)

Joseph, the foster dad of Jesus, was visited by an angel. He had a story to tell of Jesus, and he obeyed! "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.... Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife" (Matthew 1:21 and 24).

Peter's brother, Andrew, had witnessed to him about the Messiah. Peter came to know Him and followed Him. He had a story to tell, and he told it! "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons... The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all)... To him give all the prophets witness that through his name whosever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:34, 36, 43).

Saul, later to be called Paul, met Him on the Damascus Road. He came to understand that the Messiah whom he had long been seeking had come. He was Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ. He had a story to tell, and he told it! "And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks... And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man... And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God" (Acts 9:4, 5, 8, 20).

And so it went. Men and women through the years have met Him, the Lord Jesus, in their time and in their day. They came to know Him and discovered that they had a story to tell. They have told it in their ways, through their giftings in song, written word, and preached word.

Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, heard the message. She and her household were baptized. She had a story to tell, and she told it! Down by the riverside she went. The women gathered – to wash clothes, perhaps – but a church was born.

Martin Luther, the priest, heard the story in Germany – the just shall live by faith. He came to understand that he and all could be justified by faith. He had a story to tell, and he told it! The Lutheran Reformation was born.

John Wesley was reborn in England and came to the knowledge of perfect love or sanctification, as we would now call it. John Wesley had a story to tell, and he told it! He told it from temple to cottage to horseback. From England to America the story was told. In 1784, the American church accepted Wesley's mandate to "reform the continent and spread scriptural Holiness over these lands."

In 1906 an African American by the name of William Joseph Seymour saw a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Bonnie Brae Avenue and later on Azusa Street. He had a story to tell, and he told it! From Azusa Street, the Pentecostal experience spread around the world as Holiness people by the thousands received the Pentecostal Baptism with the Holy Ghost with the apostolic sign of speaking with other tongues.

In 1964, on Valentine's Day, a young eighth grade student heard and received the gospel message. In March 1971, as a college sophomore at North Carolina State University, he accepted the call to spread the gospel message. He has a story to tell, and he is telling it by this article! Jesus saves! He sanctifies! He baptizes with the Holy Ghost! He heals! He delivers! He encourages! He directs! He is coming again!

You have a story to tell. Are you telling it?

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–Rev. Oris Hubbard, Loan Officer

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DECEMBER/JANUARY 2008/2009

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December 5

Rev. Paul Weaver
December 15

Rev. Wiley Clark
December 15

Rev. Raymond Potter
December 18

Rev. Patsy Payne
December 18

Rev. Richard Parson
December 24

Rev. Edith Page
December 26

Rev. Daisy Morris
January 2

Rev. Mary Belle Johnson
January 5

Rev. King White
January 11

Rev. Buck Parnell
January 16

Rev. Jimmy Swinson
January 18

Rev. Raleigh Horton
January 22

Rev. James McCandless
January 22

Rev. Linwood Butts
January 29

Rev. Dempsey Winstead
January 30

Book Reviews

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Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

He Is Not Silent: Preaching in a Postmodern World

by R. Albert Mohler, Jr. Chicago: Moody Publishers. 174 pages

Are some of our people bored with God? A person from Mars could look in on the churches of America and easily believe it is hard to get anyone to attend a church where the only attraction is "God." Maximum entertainment with a minimum of serious, no-nonsense Bible study seems to be the formula some churches use to attract the masses. Is this a dangerous trend? What would the Lord Jesus say? Preach the Word!

The question that pastors and church leaders strive to answer is how we engage our culture to win others to Jesus Christ. How a pastor and church leaders answer that fundamental question identifies the real philosophy behind their ministries. Furthermore, what is the role of preaching, and how important is it in the grand scheme of operating a successful church or ministry? Preach the Word!

Albert Mohler identifies six factors that have contributed to the weakening of preaching at the beginning of the 21st century. Contemporary preaching suffers from (1) a loss of confidence in the power of the Word, (2) an infatuation with technology, (3) embarrassment before the biblical text, (4) an emptying of biblical content, (5) a focus on felt needs, and (6) an absence of gospel. These factors undermine the centrality of biblical, expository preaching and bring to bear the challenging crisis we face with 21st century preaching. Preach the Word!

We use the word *crisis*, but what does it mean in regard to the church and its role in the world today? Some could argue that we are winning many to the church through a variety of means and methods. But to what are we winning them? A. W. Tozer asked, "Are we winning them to true discipleship? To cross-carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To a despising of the world's treasures? To hard self-discipline? To total committal to Christ?" There can be no discipleship without lordship, and no lordship equals no relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is no Savior to the person who will not receive Him as Lord. Could this be the dilemma of the Laodicean syndrome? Preach the Word!

This book consists of 10 chapters that examine the urgency and demand for expository preaching and the postmodern culture. The author, for example, examines Isaiah's experience in chapter six in the year that King Uzziah died. Isaiah learned that God is not just a "bigger and nicer human" like us. God is complete in Himself and infinitely holy. He is always more than we bargain for. Mohler exhorts that authentic worship begins with a true vision of the living God and leads to confession of sin and proclamation of the gospel. Just as important is that worship requires a response. He argues that we come "to a true vision of the living God, recognize our own sinfulness, hear the declaration of redemption, and are called to a response of faith, repentance and service" through Bible preaching. Preach the Word!

A timeless principle emerges that ought to send shivers down the spine of every true minister of God's Word. Divine messages do not always illumine the mind or thrill the heart. Hearing God's Word does not automatically soften the heart; hearing God's Word can make hearts calloused and close eyes to the truth. It occurred in the days of the Hebrew writing prophets and later in the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, which led Him to speak in parables, knowing the spiritual condition of the Pharisees and the Jewish people. The time will come when people will no longer see, understand, and be healed because they will not endure sound doctrine or appreciate sound Bible preaching. Mohler states, "The anemia of evangelical worship—all the music and energy aside—is directly attributable to the absence of genuine expository preaching." This anemia leads to calloused hearts and closed eyes. Nevertheless, preach the Word!

The author strongly contends that God has spoken. He is not silent. Preaching that is true to the holy calling is speaking because God has spoken. "Preaching is not the business of speculating about God's nature, will, or ways, but is bearing witness to what God has spoken concerning Himself. The preacher dares to speak the Word of truth to a generation that rejects the very notion of objective, public truth. God has spoken, and He has commanded us to speak of Him." Like Jeremiah of old with a burning fire in his bones, men and women of God called to preach should declare what God has spoken. Calvin understood the dynamic role of preaching when he wrote, "God uses preachers rather than thunder at us and drive us away." The call to preach is "to study, stand before the people, read the text, and explain it. We reprove, rebuke, exhort, encourage, and teach—and then we do it all again and again and again." Preach the Word!

Preaching is deadly business, a matter of life and death. Charles Spurgeon confirmed, "Life, death, hell, and worlds unknown may hang on the preaching and hearing of a sermon." Has culture influenced preachers to alter God's idea of the role of preaching? Has society dislodged our conviction into toning down the absolute truth of God's Word? Have we allowed entertainment to steal the absolute, vital importance of preaching? Do sermonettes make true, serious, lasting disciples or Christianettes? Do we honestly believe that preaching pop psychology, culture, and compelling stories is preaching? Have we lost the idea that hearing and obeying is life, but refusing to hear and disobeying is death? Preach the Word!

"The question that faces us as preachers is not how we're going to grow our churches or inspire our people. It is not even how we can lead them to live more faithfully than they did before. The question that faces us is: Are these people going to live or are they going to die?" Mohler states. We know God through the Scriptures for salvation, and we know who we are in Christ Jesus through the Scriptures. There is no other way. Eternal and abundant life as God intended is found only in the Word of God. Preach the Word!

The problem preachers face today comes from the postmodern view that those in authority use their power to remain in power and to serve their own interests. We live in a moral wasteland, in the middle of a valley of dry bones so dry and dead that they do not rattle. Does this mean the authority of God is self-serving as well? Does this imply that preaching should be tolerated as long as it is humorous, entertaining, and therapeutic, thus enhancing the self-esteem of the listeners? Does this suggest that all universal, absolute truth claims should be rejected because truth can never really be known since it is always evolving anyway? Do our loyal creeds and blessed cardinal doctrines limit self-expression and represent oppressive authority? Preach the Word!

Where does this leave the man or woman of God? Will this confusion lead to hostile confusion? Will the day come when preachers will be asked to preach no longer because of their intolerance to cultural lies and demonic doctrines? Will all preachers capitulate and yield to cultural and societal pressures? The bold Apostle Paul preached to correct false doctrine and Athenian idols. He declared that God is not gold, or government, or silver or stone. Worship God, not Caesar. What will this generation of spokesmen for God do? Preach the Word!

God-honoring 21st century preaching declares and defends the whole gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The unashamed preacher will love and live for God's gospel. Mohler testifies, "The postmodern world has no need of half evangelists preaching a half gospel to the half converted, and leading a halfhearted church!" What the world desperately needs is the whole counsel of God preached by courageous ministers of the gospel in these terminal days. Rise up, men and women of God, and preach the Word! Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" (Luke 2:13)

A few days ago I heard an old, familiar song called, "Old Friends." I thought to myself, How appropriate for Christmas! This is the beautiful time of the year when we spend quality time with family and friends.

Often we have good intentions of simplifying Christmas to focus on the "reason for the season," the gift of God to us – our Lord Jesus Christ. But before we know it, we find ourselves overwhelmed by busyness, the Christmas parties, Christmas programs, running from store to store to find that perfect gift, and before you can blink your eyes, Christmas has come and gone. I challenge you this year to slow down, relax, and enjoy this precious time with your loved ones.

Mr. Henry and I will be traveling to Georgia for Christmas to be with our daughter and her family. We're looking forward to Christmas morning and the excitement of both grandchildren. I'm like a kid at Christmas; I love to get up early, and I'm ready to open presents. We're going to have a time; let me just say, "Memories will be made."

May the Christmas dove, the symbol of peace on earth and goodwill, fly to your house this season, bringing you a joyous and merry Christmas.

From our house to yours, "Merry Christmas!"

The NCWM Board,
Mrs. Patsy, Janice, Margie,
Terry Ann & Darnel

POTPOURRI...

- Two-Hour Rule – Don't let cooked food sit out any longer than two hours; bacteria double every 20 minutes after that.
- Before you start baking for the holidays, make sure your baking powder is fresh. Put ½ teaspoon baking powder in a small bowl and add a little hot water. If it doesn't foam, it's time to buy fresh powder.
- Use a laundry basket to transport gifts to family gatherings. It keeps packages from bouncing around in the trunk and makes it much easier to carry them inside.

Feast of Ingathering 2008

NCWM Goal – $75,000
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A great big "thank you" goes to every church that participated. Our largest gift came from the Kinston First Church in the sum of $13,000. If you haven't mailed your check, there's still time to help us meet our goal. May the Lord bless each of you for going the extra mile to promote our church schools.

NCWM Leadership Seminar

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Theme: ***The Frazzled Female***

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Please encourage your local WM leadership to attend.

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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Incredibly, the year 2008 is almost at its end! I would like to say, "Thank you!" It has been a pleasure for the Men's Ministries staff of the NC Conference and me to serve you this year.

Many members of the staff and I have traveled throughout the conference this year speaking at different events, encouraging and challenging the men. It is our heartfelt passion to see men step up and become what God has called them to be.

God is still seeking men to be his followers today! Paul and the apostles were not the last men chosen to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' invitation to "come and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" extends to us, the men of today.

Sometimes (maybe many times), men struggle to answer God's call. Sometimes something in our past haunts us. The devil flaunts the past in our faces, trying to convince us God could never really use us for much of anything. But the devil is a liar!

Look at what Paul says in Philippians 3:13, 14: *Forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead.* God has a plan for every man to serve Him, no matter what might be in his past! The blood of Jesus makes us new creatures. Paul, the murderer of Christians, knew this as well as anyone. God used him, no matter that his past included the killing of believers, to evangelize the Gentile world! God can do the same for every man today as well.

So, men, let's take up the cross and follow Jesus today, not worrying about what was in our yesterdays. There are unsaved men in this world who need Jesus Christ. I am challenging you be the man who "catches" them for Christ!

Let's move forward as men of God in the year 2009, taking our mission statement with us. Together we will help our local churches present every man in our communities with a credible offer of the gospel. Together we will encourage them to pursue God. Together we will equip them for spiritual service in the home, church, workplace, community, and world.

Men, we *must* work together to reach the lost. We must all answer the call of Christ. Will you accept the challenge of Isaiah, "Here am I; send me" (Is. 6:8)?

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Prayer and Evangelism

Today we live in a world of radical and rapid change. We know that the enemy of our souls is out to kill, steal, and destroy us. At stake is our freedom. Today the hearts of our people are filled with fear and dread, frustration and despair. We have proven ourselves incapable of coping with the pressures of our time. Crime is rampant; people choose violence, alcohol, and/or drugs as a solution to their problems. Political, social, and moral decay has become the norm. It is past time we should all get involved in the greatest spiritual harvest since Pentecost. The dark and desperate hours in which we are living are a call to a time of extraordinary opportunities for Christians. It is the hour for which we were born. It is time to set into motion a spiritual revolution that will turn the tide and bring to light the fact that the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ offers the basic solutions to every problem facing man today. That basic solution begins with prayer. It opens doors and gives us hope.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record the Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:44-49). The Great Commission is a command to all Christians (Matthew 28:19-20). We are obligated to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The beginning point of true and effective evangelism is prayer. Prayer is vital in any Christian's life. It is the most important factor of effective evangelism. Without it, your witness may be ineffective, and you may become defenseless against the enemy. When you witness, you need blessings from the Lord. Prayer draws you close to God and strengthens your relationship with Him.

The first and second chapters of Acts tell the story of a 10-day meeting where the early disciples were in one accord and continued steadfast in prayer. It resulted in their being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, and about 3,000 souls were added to the Kingdom. The Great Welsh Revival was a result of prayer, with 100,000 conversions in one year. These are just two examples of how prayer has moved the lost to salvation, and there are many more just like that. Prayer is the key to moving people and moving God.

If we are to be effective in evangelism, we must be faithful to a specific time of prayer each day. It is helpful to make a God-ordained/selected prayer list, beginning with yourself, asking God to help you pray earnestly and persistently for the salvation of the people on the list. Never cease to pray for these people until they have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Pray for a spiritual awakening in the church and community. Pray for the church members. Pray that they will be brought into a higher plane of Christian living, that they will no longer compromise with the world's views, and that they will develop a passion for the salvation of the lost. (Matt. 9:37 – the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few). Pray for our country and our leaders. As Christians, we should be praying for and working towards changing things and people, such as liberal judges, justices, senators, congressmen, and congresswomen. They help enact and enforce laws that can affect not only our generation but also generations to come.

Pray for revival in foreign lands. Pray that people will get a desire for lost souls. Pray that the people who stay home and do not go into the mission field will get a burden to pray for those who are out working in the trenches in foreign lands. They need money to support the mission, but more than anything, they need a divine covering of prayer for strength and protection against spiritual forces.

Let me also encourage you to do something more. When you see, read, or hear of things that cause you once again to realize how desperately we need God in our lives, let it be a reminder to pray immediately, no matter how briefly... no matter where you are, I encourage you to whisper that prayer to heaven.

God desires that everyone be saved, so let us claim the lost by praying for them. Prayer is a powerful tool. It is a privilege to be able to bend your knees in fellowship with the Lord. Let Him wash you in His presence and fill you with the Holy Spirit. Prayer is where you meet Him. Prayer is where you are shaped and molded. Pray.

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When I Think of Christmas...

What is the first thing that you think of when you think of Christmas? If you are like me, you think of the joyous feeling of Christmas! It is an exciting and happy feeling that you do not tend to feel at any other time of the year. The excitement is not necessarily about what a person will receive during this season, but the joy of giving. People tend to love everyone at this time of year and want to be more generous with time and possessions.

When I think of Christmas, I also think of the glorious scriptures with which God has so uniquely illustrated the coming of our Savior at this blessed time of year. I am thrilled when I hear the scriptures in the Gospels that tell of the coming of God's Son to earth. Each time I hear these scriptures in a Christmas program or in Christmas song, my spirit rejoices, just as Mary herself expressed in Luke 1:46, 47. Mary said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

When I think of Christmas, I think of the most special gift God has given to us, His Son. Jesus came to us as one of the most precious symbols of love there could ever be, a baby. I don't know anyone who can resist the presence of a beautiful little baby.

Jesus came as a baby but grew to be a vibrant and caring person to the lost and dying people of this world. He lived on this earth as we live here and went through so many things that we may never have to face. Jesus came to die, for us to live!

When you think of Christmas this year, think of why you rejoice during this time and why Jesus is so special to you. There are many people out in this cold, hostile world who need to know they can feel the warmth and love of Christmas just by knowing the Savior who came as a precious baby. Give the greatest Gift that has ever been given, Jesus the Christ! "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

District Christmas Parties

Ministers and spouses and widows of ministers, make plans now to come to the Christmas party for your district. The first two weeks of December are usually busy with the district parties. Either Bishop Thompson or Evangelism Director Danny Nelson will give the devotion for your party. Please check your mail or with your district director for location and time. These get-togethers are always special times of fellowship and worship of our precious Savior.

The Retired Ministers and Wives Christmas Luncheon

The Retired Ministers and Wives Luncheon is set for December 4, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at the Falcon Cafeteria/ Training Center. The lunch meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please make every effort to attend this time of fun, fellowship, devotion, and the very special music ministry of Mr. Jeff Gibson from the Kinston First Church. If you do not have transportation to the festivities, please call one of your neighboring pastors. You will enjoy yourself in every way. This is a good opportunity to start off the Christmas Holidays.

The North Carolina Conference Ministers and Spouses Retreat

The Ministers and Spouses Retreat is set for February 26-28, 2009, at Kingston Plantation in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. This retreat has proven to be a very special time for ministers and their spouses, and we encourage as many of you as possible to attend. It is a good time of fellowship with good friends and a time for meeting new friends. The guest speakers this year will be Presiding Bishop Leggett and Mrs. Faye. We look forward to their being with us.

The Kingston Plantation is a very family-friendly place and offers accommodations that are very reasonable. There are suites that two couples can share—with a kitchen, living room, two bedrooms, and baths—and therefore share the cost.

We have much to look forward to in the coming weeks and months.

The North Carolina Conference Ministers' Wives Board and I want to wish you a very blessed Christmas holiday!

Betty Thompson, Regenia Whitfield, Edna Parker, Lilliana Avila, Kim Wood, Sharon Dunning and Nicole Oliver are your Ministers' Wives Board.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Dr. Vinson Synan Is Coming to the N.C. CONFERENCE RDC!

The N.C. Conference Archives Department is happy to announce that Dr. Vinson Synan is coming to Falcon on Saturday, January 24, 2009, for our annual Archives training. The religious world recognizes Dr. Synan as the leading historian of the Holiness-Pentecostal traditions. Dr. Synan will be presenting the history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

We will be sending out information about the program to all of our churches, ministers, and church historians. If you are not covered in these categories and have an interest in coming or receiving the information, please let us know, and we will send it to you.

God has blessed Dr. Synan with many accomplishments in his life in the Pentecostal Holiness Church and in the Pentecostal Church world. Dr. Synan wrote a history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1974: *The Old-Time Power,* and then the General Executive Board of the church commissioned a centennial edition of *The Old-Time Power* for the centennial celebration in 1998.

Dr. Synan has taught at Emmanuel College, Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, Oral Roberts University, and more recently has retired from being dean of the School of Divinity at Regent University. Dr. Synan has written other books, one of which is *The Holiness-Pentecostal Tradition: Charismatic Movements in the Twentieth Century,* which is used as a dynamic reference by many Pentecostal scholars.

Much could be said about Dr. Vinson Synan, but for lack of space and time, we will fill you in at the training. The N.C. Conference Archives Board and I look forward to Dr. Synan's coming to Falcon and encourage each of you to put January 24, 2009, on your calendar!

Did You Know...?

Did you know that Falcon has a permanent Christmas tree that is decorated for all to see? If you come to Falcon a couple of days early for Harvest Train, you will see a large cedar tree in the middle of Falcon that is decorated with bright lights. Years ago, the North Carolina Conference, in cooperation with the town of Falcon, started decorating the tree with colorful bright lights for the holidays. The lights are on at night through the time of Harvest Train. The lights are officially turned on for the Christmas season on the night of the town board meeting around the first of December with a tree-lighting celebration for the townspeople.

After inquiring of several of the longtime residents of Falcon, we are not sure when the tree was planted, but it was during the time that the high school part of the Falcon School was being renovated. Mr. Joe Bundy found the small sapling and planted it in the place where it stands today.

Did you know the Octagon Tabernacle also is decorated with candles in the windows, wreaths on the doors, and other festive decorations? The Octagon Tabernacle is also the scene of the Culbreth Memorial Church's candlelight service a few evenings before Christmas Eve. The Culbreth Church has been enjoying this service in the Octagon Tabernacle for only about 10 to 15 years. The Octagon has been used for special services throughout the years since the time of its moving to this location and the rededication in November 1975! The candlelight service seems to be one of the most special times of the season.

The North Carolina Conference Archives Board desires for you all to have a very blessed Christmas! The board consists of Bishop Thompson, Ms. Betsy Gainey, Mrs. Jean Williams, Rev. Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, Rev. Mrs. Blanche Pollard, Rev. Jim Skinner, Rev. Danny Rollins and me. May God bless!

NC CONFERENCE CALENDAR 2009

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October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Hispanic Board Meeting	2 Feast of Ingathering	3 FCF Family Trace	4 Entertainment Hispanic Pastors Day Missions F.E.S.T.
5 Family Trace	6	7 CEM Board Meeting All Districts Missions Workshop	8	9	10 School of Ministry	11
12	13	14 Conference Board Meeting	15	16 INE Advance and Graduation	17 Royal Ranger Fall Round Up - Wilson, Raleigh, Rocky Mount	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Deborah's Daughter - Belfast PHC Hispanic Missions Congress	25 Deborah's Daughter - Octagon Tabernacle, Falcon
26	*27*	*28* Evangelism Board Meeting	*29*	*30* Mission Board Meeting	*31*	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 RR Conference Pinewood Derby WIN Training
2	3	4	5 Hispanic Board Meeting	6	7 National Youth Pastor's - Dallas, TX School of Ministry	8
9	10	11 Conference Board Meeting	12	13	14 FCF Fall Trace Hispanic INE	15
16 FCF Fall Trace	17 Primetimers - Branson, MO	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Falcon Children's Home Board Meeting	25 Harvest Train	26 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	27 Thanksgiving *Conference Office Closed*	28 *Conference Office Closed*	29 I.C.S. & RR Conference & District Staff Meeting
30	Happy Thanksgiving					

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

December 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Greenville & Raleigh District Christmas Parties	2 Goldsboro & Wilson District Christmas Parties	3 Hispanic Board Meeting	4 Retired Minister's Christmas Party Morehead City & Lumberton District Christmas Parties	5 New Bern & Wilmington District Christmas Parties Hispanic Convention	6
7	8 Fayetteville & Williamston District Christmas Parties	9 Conference All Board Christmas Party - PM	10	11 Rocky Mount & Clinton District Christmas Parties	12 Hispanic South District Christmas Party School of Ministry	13 Hispanic North District Christmas Party
14	15	16 Conference Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	24 Conference Office Closed	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	Merry Christmas		

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year				1 New Years *Conference Office Closed*	2 School of Ministry	3
4	5 Clinton / Fayetteville District Conference	6 Williamston / Rocky Mount District Conference	7 Conference Day of Prayer	8 Greenville / Goldsboro District Conference	9 Hispanic INE Satellite	10 Archives Board Meeting RR Commanders Forum & Conf. Dist. Comm.
11	12 New Bern / Morehead City District Conference	13 Conference Board Meeting Lumberton / Wilmington District Conference	14 Hispanic Board Meeting	15 CEM Board Meeting Raleigh / Wilson District Conference	16 RR National Council Men's Summit	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Birthday *Conference Office Closed*	20	21	22 SAC Meeting	23	24 Camp Freedom Work Day Archives Training
25	26	27	28	29 Fire and Ice	30 Hispanic School of Ministry	31 WM Leadership Seminar

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Board Meeting	5	6 School of Ministry	7 Camp Freedom Work Day
8	9	10 Evangelism Board Meeting	11	12 Conference Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Morehead City / New Bern District Talent	20 Greenville / Williamston / Goldsboro / Clinton District Talent Bible Quest - Practice Tournament FCF Phase II Adventure INE Advance	21 Fayetteville / Wilson Raleigh / Rocky Mount / Lumberton / Wilmington District Talent
22 FCF Phase II Adventure	23	24	25	26 Minister and Spouse Retreat	27	28

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Board Meeting	5	6	7
	Great Commission Meals				Church Education Ministries Convention	
8 W.M. Founders Day	9	10	11	12	13	14 Girl's Ministry Retreat Camp Freedom Work Day
					School of Ministry	
					Men's Hispanic Ministry	
	Great Commission Meals					
15	16	17 Conference Board Meeting	18	19	20	21
	Great Commission Meals				Women's Ministries Retreat	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Ranger of the Year
				Revitalization - First Church		
						Conf. Dist. Commanders Staff Meeting
29	30 MWF Board Meeting	31	Global Outreach Kickoff			

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy Easter			1 Hispanic Board Meeting	2	3	4 Conference Talent -Drama- Camp Freedom Work Day
					School of Ministry	
5	6 Happy Hearts	7	8	9 Conference Board Meeting	10	11
					Hispanic School of Ministry	
12 Easter	13 *Conference Office Closed* Happy Hearts	14 Evangelism/ Missions Board Day Of Training	15	16	17	18 Conference Talent -Music- Bible Quest - Finals
					Spring Round Up - Goldsboro	
19 Spring Round Up - Goldsboro	20 Happy Hearts Evangelism Summit	21 New Minister's Day Evangelism Summit	22 Administrative Professional Day	23 Evangelism Summit	24	25
					Spring Round Up - Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilson	
					Deborah's Daughter	
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Retired Ministers' Month					1 Spring Round Up - Greenville	2 W.M. Director's Council
3 Retired Minister's Fund	4 Retired Ministers' Retreat	5 Retired Ministers' Retreat	6 Retired Ministers' Retreat	7 CEM Board Meeting	8 School of Ministry	9 Archives Board Meeting School of Ministry
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Conference Board Meeting	13 Hispanic Board Meeting	14 Deborah's Daughter Board Meeting	15 INE Satellite	16 Royal Rangers - Ranger Kid's Field Day INE Satellite
17	18	19	20	21	22 Hispanic WM Retreat	23 Hispanic WM Retreat
24	25 Memorial Day *Conference Office Closed*	26	27	28 License Examining Day	29 Ordination Examining Day	30 Royal Ranger Commander Awards Banquet
31 Pentecost Celebration						

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Hispanic Board Meeting	4	5	6 Women's Ministries Convention (Falcon) Camp Freedom Wok Day Conference RR District Staff
7	8	9 Conference Board Meeting MWF Board Meeting	10	11 RR JCE & JTT Meeting High School Falcon Youth Camp	12 RR JCE & JTT Meeting High School Falcon Youth Camp	13 High School Falcon Youth Camp
14 Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	15 Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	16 Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	17 Middle School Falcon Youth Camp	18 Goldsboro District RR Meeting Alpha Falcon Youth Camp	19 Alpha Falcon Youth Camp	20 Alpha Falcon Youth Camp
21 Father's Day Alpha Camp Ends Omega Falcon Youth Camp	22 Omega Falcon Youth Camp	23 Omega Falcon Youth Camp	24 Omega Falcon Youth Camp	25 Omega Falcon Youth Camp	26 Hispanic Falcon Youth Camp	27 Hispanic Falcon Youth Camp
28 Falcon Youth Camp	29 Falcon Youth Camp	30 Falcon Youth Camp	Falcon Youth Camp	Falcon Youth Camp	Falcon Youth Camp	Falcon Youth Camp

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
God Bless The USA			1 Hispanic Board Meeting	2 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	3 *Conference Office Closed*	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 Evangelism Board Meeting	8	9 Conference Board Meeting	10 Royal Ranger Merit Camp	11
12	13	14	15	16 National FCF Rendezvous	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Fine Arts Festival Hispanic School of Ministry	25 Camp Freedom Work Day Youth Quest Begins
26 Youth Quest Fine Arts Festival	27	28 WM Convention Men's Ministries	29 General Conference	30	31	

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

August 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 General Conference
2	3	4	5 Hispanic Board Meeting	6	7	8 Annual Conference
9 Falcon Camp Meeting	10	11	12	13Retired Minister's Luncheon Royal Ranger - POW WOW	14 MWF Banquet	15
16 Falcon Camp Meeting / Global Outreach Celebration	17	18 CEM Board Meeting	19	20 Conference Board Meeting	21 King's Dominion School of Ministry	22
23 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	24	25 MWF Board Meeting	26	27	28 INE Satellite	29 Girl's Ministries MLT
30 Piney Grove Camp Meeting	31	Camp Meeting Time				

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Clinton District Conference	2 Hispanic Board Meeting	3 New Bern District Conference	4	5
6	7 Labor Day *Conference Office Closed*	8 Williamston District Conference	9 Hispanic District Conference	10 Conference Board Meeting Lumberton District Conference	11 RR LTA & Ranger Basics School of Ministry	12 Hispanic Pastor's Fun Day
Girl's Ministries Week						
13	14 Wilson District Conference	15 Wilmington District Conference	16 Hispanic District Conference	17 SAC Meeting Raleigh District Conference	18 Men's Ministries Retreat, Advance	19
20	21 Rocky Mount District Conference	22 Greenville District Conference	23 Hispanic District Conference	24 Fayetteville District Conference	25 Fresh Fire	26 Camp Freedom Work Day
27 Fresh Fire	28 Goldsboro District Conference	29 Morehead City District Conference	30 Hispanic District Conference	District Conferences		

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Primetimers Trip				1 Feast of Ingathering	2 Children's Conference FCF Family Trace INE Advance and Graduation	3
4	5 Happy Hearts	6 CEM Board Meeting Missions Workshop - All Districts	7 Hispanic Board Meeting	8	9	10
City Quest						
11	12 Happy Hearts	13 Evangelism Board Meeting	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16 MWF Mini Retreat School of Ministry	17 Camp Freedom Work Day RR Conference District Staff Meeting
18	19 Happy Hearts	20	21	22	23 Royal Ranger Fall Round Up - Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilson	24 Missions F.E.S.T.
25	26	27	28	29	30 Hispanic Missions Congress	31
Primetimers						

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Hispanic Board Meeting	5	6	7 Pinewood Derby WIN Training
8	9	10	11	12 Conference Board Meeting	13 School of Ministry	14 Hispanic Pastors Prayer/ Fasting
15	16	17	18	19 Missions Board Meeting	20 FCF Fall Trace INE Satellite	21
22	23 Falcon Children's Home Board Meeting	24 Harvest Train	25 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	26 Thanksgiving *Conference Office Closed*	27 *Conference Office Closed*	28
29	30 District Christmas Party	Happy Thanksgiving				

North Carolina Conference of the IPHC—Conference Calendar

December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 District Christmas Parties	2 Hispanic Board Meeting	3 Retired Minister's Christmas Party	4 Hispanic Convention	5 Camp Freedom Work Day
6	7 District Christmas Party	8 Conference All Board Christmas Party	9 District Christmas Parties	10	11 School of Ministry	12
13	14	15 Conference Board Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 *Conference Office Closes at Noon*	24 Conference Office Closed	25 Christmas	26
27	28 *Conference Office Closed*	29	30	31	Merry Christmas	

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Sus Fortaleza Para Nosotros

"Doy gracias al que me fortaleció. A Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor, porque me tuvo por fiel, poniéndome en el ministerio." 1 Timoteo 1:12

"Doy gracias a El, quien me ha dado (la necesaria) fortaleza y me ha hecho (para esto). Cristo Jesús nuestro Señor, porque él me ha juzgado y me ha tomado por fiel y digno, poniéndome a (ser mayordomo) del ministerio."

Una de las cosas más valiosas que el Señor siempre nos da es su fuerza. El sabía desde el principio que íbamos a necesitar su fortaleza. Quizás usted sabe que fortalecer significa fuerza, poder, resistencia, potencia; sugiere la capacidad de hacer algo. Algunos de los sinónimos de esta palabra son:

Fuerza: Se refiere especialmente a ser robusto o tener vigor en el área física, mental, moral, o espiritual.

Poder: La habilidad de hacer algo y especialmente producir un efecto.

Potencia: A menudo aplicado a un poder extraordinario

Energía: Se refiere especialmente a un recurso latente de poder

Fuerza: Es la aplicación del poder o la fortaleza

Cosas para aprender

"...al que me fortaleció": literalmente significa fuerza-adentro. Esto significa una fortaleza interna (1 Timoteo 1:12). Filipenses 4:13 dice: "Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece." Jesús era la fuente de esa fortaleza que habitaba en Pablo. El apóstol no solo experimentó la fuerza de Jesús como algo que el sintió en el pasado, pero como él lo declara en Filipenses 4:13, es una fortaleza en el presente, y esto lo preparó a él para las cosas del futuro, debido a que ese recurso o fuente de fortaleza nunca termina. Lo mismo para nosotros para el momento que estamos viviendo.

Podemos aprender que necesitamos fortaleza para llevar hacia delante el llamado que Dios nos ha dado. La fortaleza de Dios siempre está disponible para nosotros, y cuando algo es dado por Dios, ese algo debe ser tomado. Tenemos que recibir y tomar la fortaleza que el Señor nos da y usarla, aplicarla, hablarla y ser manejado por ella.

Experimentando debilidad

Es buena cosa experimentar debilidad, según la Palabra de Dios. Hebreos 11:34 dice: "...sacaron fuerzas de debilidad, se hicieron fuertes en batallas..." También vea 2 Corintios 12:9 "...Por lo tanto, de buena gana me gloriaré más bien en mis debilidades, para que repose sobre mi el poder de Cristo." Como vemos, debilidad nos provee una oportunidad para ver desplegado el poder de Dios. Si alguna vez nos sentimos solos, débiles o sin fuerza; eso es bueno, porque nos da la oportunidad de ver lo siguiente:

No somos lo suficientemente fuertes por nosotros mismos

Nuestra debilidad tiene el propósito de dirigirnos a buscar a Dios y sus promesas de fortaleza

Dependemos en Dios, él es el recurso y la fuente de fuerza, no nosotros

Creer que siempre podemos tener la fortaleza que necesitamos en él

Varias cosas pueden ayudar a tener fortaleza pero...

Podemos ser inspirados al ver algo o a alguien haciendo algo importante; puede ser también por el pensamiento positivo, o al recibir ánimo de otras personas, quizás mirando los resultados por adelantado; también sabiendo qué es lo que hacemos y para quién lo hacemos, pero en medio de todo eso hay una fortaleza que viene directamente de Dios; es algo que pone adentro de nosotros. Es la fortaleza que nos capacita para: resistir ataques, destruir las obras del diablo, amar a la gente, hacer el trabajo que nos ha encomendado, continuar cuando el nos llama a seguir, llevar adelante su empresa, tomar una misión, resistir y vencer las tentaciones, lograr una visión y aun para levantarnos cada mañana de nuestra cama y hacer frente al día.

Qué usa el Señor para fortaleceruos algunas veces?

1 Samuel 23:16 por medio de otros hermanos "...y Jonatán vino a David y fortaleció su mano en Dios."

Deuteronomio 3:28 por medio de palabras de ánimo de otros "Y manda a Josué, y anímalo, y fortalécelo..."

Nehemías 6:9 por medio de la oración "...ahora, pues, oh Dios, fortalece tú mis manos."

Nehemías 8:10 al darnos gozo "...porque el gozo de Jehová es vuestra fuerza."

Isaías 35:3 por medio de la determinación "Fortaleced las manos cansadas, afirmad las rodillas endebles."

Isaías 30:15 al tener confianza en El "...en descanso y en reposo seréis salvos; en quietud y en confianza será vuestra fortaleza."

Daniel 10:18-19 cuando oímos la voz de Dios "...y mientras él me hablaba, recobré las fuerzas, y dije: hable mi Señor, porque me has fortalecido."

Habacuc 3:19 al confesar y declarar lo que El es "Jehová el Señor es mi fortaleza..."

Lucas 22:43 manifestación sobrenatural de Dios "Y se le apareció un ángel del cielo para fortalecerle."

Romanos 4:20 alabando a Dios "...sino que se fortaleció en fe, dando gloria a Dios..."

Efesios 3:16 Por medio de Su Espíritu Santo "...para que os dé, conforme a las

riquezas de su gloria, el ser fortalecidos con poder en el hombre interior por su Espíritu..."

2 Timoteo 4:17 por medio de su presencia "Pero el Señor estuvo a mi lado, y me dio fuerzas..."

Salmo 27:14 esperando en el "Aguarda a Jehová; esfuérzate, y aliéntese tu corazón; si, espera a Jehová."

El es el que te ha fortalecido. Yo sé que usted tiene muchos testimonios para compartir con varios acerca de lo que el Señor ha hecho en usted y por medio de usted dándole fortaleza. El es tu fuerza en el presente y siempre será tu fortaleza para mañana.

Feliz Navidad y que El sea tu fortaleza en el Nuevo Año 2009 le desea el Ministerio Hispano.

His Strength to Us

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service" (1 Timothy 1:12).

"I give thanks to Him who has granted me (the needed) strength and made me able (for this), Christ Jesus our Lord, because He has judged and counted me faithful and trustworthy, appointing me to (this stewardship of) the ministry."

One of the most valuable things that the Lord always gives to us is His strength. He knew from the beginning that we would need His strength. As you know, *strength* means force, power, resistance, might, suggesting the capacity to do something. Some synonyms are:

Strength: refers especially to physical, mental, moral, or spiritual robustness or vigor.

Power: means the ability to do something and especially to produce an effect.

Might: often implies abundant or extraordinary power.

Energy: refers especially to a latent source of power.

Force: is the application of power or strength.

Things to learn

"Who has given me strength": literally in-strength. This means strength inside (1 Timothy 1:12). Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." He is the source of Paul's abiding strength. Paul not only experienced the strength of Jesus as something that he felt in the past, but also, when he declares in Philippians 4:13, it is in the present; then this prepared him for things in the future, because of this source of strength that never ends. The same is true for us in the moment in which we are living.

We can learn that we need strength to carry out the call He has given to us. The strength is always available to us, and when something is given from God, something is taken. We have to take the strength from the Lord and use it, apply it, speak it, and be driven by it.

Experience weakness

It is a good thing to experience weakness, according with the Word of God. Hebrews 11:34 says, "Whose weakness was turned to strength"; "Out of weakness were made strong." Also 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "But he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me." As we see, our weakness provides an opportunity for the display of God's power. If we ever feel alone, without strength, and weak, that's good because that gives us the opportunity to see the following:

We are not strong enough by ourselves.

Our weakness has the purpose of leading us to seek God for His promises of strength.

Depend on God; He is the source, not us.

Believe that we always have the strength we need in Him.

Many things can help us to have strength, but...

We can be inspired by reading or seeing something or someone, by positive thinking, by receiving encouragement from other people, by seeing the results in advance, and by knowledge of what we do and for whom we do it, but there is a strength that comes directly from God, something that He puts inside us. It is strength to resist attacks, to destroy the works of evil, to love people, to do the work to which He calls us, to keep going, to carry out the task, to take a mission trip, to resist and overcome temptations, to accomplish his vision, and even to get up every day.

What does the Lord use to strength you sometimes?

1 Samuel 23:16 – through other people: "Jonathan helped David find strength in God."

Deuteronomy 3:28 – through the word of encouragement from others: "Moses was commended by God to speak words of encourage and strength."

Nehemiah 6:9 – through prayer: "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands."

Nehemiah 8:10 – by giving us joy: "Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Isaiah 35:3 – by determination: "Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees."

Isaiah 30:15 – by confidence: "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Daniel 10:18-19 – when we hear the voice of God: "So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, let my Lord speak, for you have strengthened me."

Habakkuk 3:19 – by confessing and declaring what He is: "The Lord God is my strength."

Luke 22:43 – through His supernatural manifestation: "Then an angel appeared to him from heaven, strengthening him."

Romans 4:20 – by praising God: "...But [Abraham] was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God."

Ephesians 3:16 – "through His Holy Spirit."

2 Timothy 4:17 – by His presence: "But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me..."

Psalm 27:14 – by waiting on Him: "Wait on the Lord and He shall strengthen you."

It is He who has strengthened you. I know you have testimonies to share with many others about what the Lord has done for you. He is who strengthens you in the present, and He is who will strengthen you tomorrow.

Merry Christmas, and have the strength of God in you for this New Year 2009 from the Hispanic Ministry.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Lotus & Esther Joyner

Celebrating 55 Years Together!

Where Are They Now...?

Thomas and Virginia Conway

Thomas Conway grew up in Greenville, North Carolina, and fortunately for him, so did Virginia Little. Virginia is the tenth and youngest child of Rev. D. J. Little, one of the pioneer preachers in the PH Church. Thomas was saved at an early age in a cottage prayer meeting, and both he and Virginia were active in church. Two years after Thomas' conversion, he was given a mission worker's license, and after his high school graduation, he enrolled in Holmes Bible College in Greenville, South Carolina. In 1963, Thomas was given a minister's license in this conference by Rev. J. Floyd Williams and ordained by Rev. R. L. Rex in 1964.

Thomas and Virginia were married on Christmas Day 1948 in Greenville, N.C., by Rev. Ralph R. Johnson, pastor of the Greenville First PH Church at that time. Most of their years of ministry were not in the N.C. Conference since Thomas joined the USAF in 1951 and spent 20 years in the service of his country. His first responsibility in the Air Force was in the kitchen, where, he says, he received his "cooking degree." Later he became an inspector of the electrical components on our major aircrafts, and that was no small responsibility!

As a military person, he was moved a number of times... California, Japan, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, etc... and along the way, their family of two boys and three girls were born. Three of their children are ministers. His ministerial membership was moved around several times because he became the pastor of a church in the respective conference in which he was living. He even led churches that were connected with other denominations because of his desire to preach and teach God's Word, which burned in his heart.

Thomas retired from the Air Force in 1971 and moved to Tampa, Florida, where he pastored for six years. He and Virginia finally came home to North Carolina in 1982 and were assigned the Carson Memorial PH Church in Greenville, where they served for eight years before retiring in 1993. While at Carson Memorial he also worked for a local business. One day, while he was installing an appliance in a home, a large object was wildly thrown, and Thomas sustained a blow to the top of his head. In spite of every effort made by his doctors, this accident finally forced his retirement.

In October, Thomas celebrated his 80th birthday. What he wanted most was for all his children to be home with him. Not only were they there, but a host of family and friends were also present to wish him God's continued blessings. It was a grand occasion.

Virginia and Thomas make their home in Greenville. They are not able to attend all conference and church activities, as they would like, due to his illness, but they love the Lord and thank God for the privilege of serving him through all these years.

Jean and I, along with the Retired Ministers Board, wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

December... A Very Special Month for Our Retired Ministers

For a number of years our conference has designated the month of December as "**Adopt (or Honor) a Retired Minister for Christmas**" month. This program has gradually taken root, and many of our retired ministers have been "adopted" and blessed by the thoughtfulness of our pastors and churches.

As of this date, we have 110 retired ministers and missionaries plus their spouses in our conference. Thankfully, most of them are physically able to go and preach, and there are several retired ministers serving as pastors of local congregations. Some, however, can no longer be active because of frailty or disability and can attend church only when their health allows. We have some who are confined to their homes or are living in retirement, assisted living, or nursing facilities. All across the conference you can see retired ministers in our churches. Many have become "pillars" in the churches where they worship, faithfully serving as best they can. **How blessed we are to have them among us!**

The purpose of this program is to encourage our pastors and churches to reach out to our retired ministers with sincere love and appreciation for their dedicated service to the kingdom of God. Every pastor has been provided a packet of information and several suggestions for how they can "adopt" or "honor" a retired minister during the Christmas season.

Since this program was begun, we have had an average of five retired ministers to pass each year. I hope we did our best by them and made them feel loved and appreciated while they were with us. There is no better time to say "thank you" than at Christmas time.

Remember... December Is "Adopt (Honor) a Retired Minister for Christmas" Month

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Our Awesome Lord

Exodus 34:10 – "Behold, I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you." (NKJV)

Psalms 145:6 – "Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts." (NKJV)

I have been reading with much interest and inspiration Dr. Frank Tunstall's book, *Our Awesome Lord*. The inspiration for that book was taken from Ex. 34:10 (above). Truly everything about our Savior is awesome. The word *awesome* means "inspiring awe; feeling awe; a mixed feeling of reverence, fear, wonder caused by something sublime (noble, exalted, majestic)." As we approach the Christmas season, when once again we celebrate the entrance into the human race of "God's unspeakable Gift," the word *awesome* has overwhelmed me as it regards our Savior. In Exodus 34 it carries the thought that what I'm going to do with and for you will cause mouths to drop open and will be too much for the human mind to understand or comprehend. The word *awesome* describes several aspects of our Lord's presence:

He was awesome in **promise**: In Gen. 3:15, when speaking to the serpent, God said, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise His heel." This is God revealing that the decision was made in eternity that the Son would come, and now the Father informs Adam, Eve, and Satan. What an awesome promise made to all, that God was making the Way where there was no way for man to be reconciled to the Father! It was not a forced promise, but a promise born out of the infinite love and compassion of our God.

He was awesome through **prophecy**: Isaiah 7:14 – "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel." Isa. 9:6 – "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." What an awesome utterance of the intention of God that is meant to be a blessing and encouragement to all mankind! The succession of prophetic utterances throughout the Old Testament clearly states again and again the promise of God and the prophecies surrounding His coming.

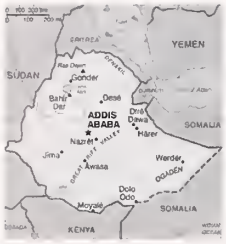
He was awesome in His **presentation**: John 1:14 – "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Luke 2:7 – "Mary brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." It is awesome indeed that God was clothed in flesh and pitched His tent among us. It is also awesome that the Seed of the virgin, God Himself, chose to go through with the greatest plan of all time.

He was awesome in the **perfecting of the plan** for which He was sent: He was precise and to the point in stating the purpose for which He came. Luke 19:10 – "The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Salvation was the perfect plan, and it was the only plan for our salvation; it was not plan B; it was God's only plan, and Jesus carried it out perfectly. Jesus said, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent me," and "He who sent me is with me." In every movement, every activity, every teaching/preaching opportunity, our Lord was carrying out the perfect plan of God set in motion from the foundation of the world.

He was awesome in **power**: Matthew 28:18b – "All authority (power) has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." No wonder the people said, "We never saw it on this fashion." Jesus is indeed King of kings and Lord of lords, and all power belongs to this, our awesome Lord! He has given to us the keys to the kingdom and promised us that "greater things than these shall you do because I go to my Father."

We could go on and on talking about and celebrating his awesome nature. This is indeed a joyous time once again to celebrate His coming, and the only word that can begin to express it is: ***He is awesome!***

May you and your family have a joyous and an awesome Christmas season!



East Africa Report From the Ron Wooten Family

Ethiopia – a Biblical Land That Is Still Experiencing a Move of GOD

From Genesis 2 to Moses' wife, Zipporah, from the Queen of Sheba to the Ethiopian eunuch baptized by Philip in Acts 8, we realize that Ethiopia is one of the few African countries mentioned in the biblical narrative. It is second only to Egypt in its occurrences in the Bible. Many times when you read about the Cushites or Cush, you are reading about Ethiopians. Even today they claim to hold possession of the original Ark of the Covenant in a temple in Northern Ethiopia.

It is a land that has gone through many changes over the thousands of years of its existence and in the recent past has had many struggles. From wars to political takeovers by the Italians and the Communists, and a population explosion in the past 25 years that has almost tripled the population, this small country with almost 100 million people is fast becoming a tourist destination and a regional power of political stability and industry.

In the midst of all of this, Ethiopia has become one of the largest harvest fields for evangelical Christianity, especially among Pentecostals. It is also one of the largest works in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. Our work began here in the early '90s, but it wasn't until 1997 that we signed an agreement with an indigenous church that joined the IPHC. We now have over 300 churches and a membership in excess of 200,000!

What God Has Been Doing

In the past term we made seven trips to Ethiopia to help the work. We have started the first of what will hopefully be many church building projects. It is located in the southern tip of Ethiopia, just above Moyale on the map. It is in Yabello, a small town with little infrastructure but a powerful witness in a Muslim stronghold. We have not finished the project mainly because of escalating prices, but as you see by the pictures, we have a beautiful church started.

We have had several large pastors' conferences throughout the country and had many large open-air meetings. We have also had the opportunity to show the *Jesus* film a number of times and have seen many converts.

One of the exciting things is the new emphasis we have put on pastoral training. Up until the past few years, we have had none of our leaders who have been trained. At present we have our conference bishop in Bible school and two other pastors with degrees, and we have successfully hosted two leadership advances focused on training leaders in Bible school courses.

How Can You Pray for Ethiopia?

Pray for infrastructure in Ethiopia. We have many plots but need funds to build churches, schools, and training centers. We also need land in a large town, Awassa, where we have a growing work.

Pray for missionaries to help in Ethiopia. With the size of the work we need a full-time couple or two couples in this country. Philip List and I travel as much as we can, but a resident missionary could make a great difference.

Pray for short-term teams and teachers to help us equip leaders. We need pastors, Bible teachers, and building teams to help us with one- or two-week teams to help build the work.

Pray for finances for leaders. We need to have at least 10 leaders in Bible school training so they can begin to train their workers. We also need funds to buy training materials in the Amharic language so pastors can have materials in their known tongue. Imagine being taught the Bible in English through an interpreter, and all your study materials were in Spanish.

In closing let us say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank you for your prayers and continued support for our family. It is appreciated and a blessing to us and enables us to do what God has called us to do. We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year. We will be returning to Kenya after the first of the year.

With all our love,
Ron, Sharon, Jessica, and Janene

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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The Most Precious Gift Was Wrapped

by Jon Oliver, NC CEM Director

Christmas is such a beautiful time of year. Even with all the hustle and bustle, it still is one of the only times of year that businesses close and give people time off to spend with their families. It is a time to enjoy food, fellowship, and exchanging of gifts. The number one question on many of our minds is, "What do you want for Christmas?"

There is much excitement in the air at the Oliver household—as there is at Christmas in any home with young children. Eleven-year-old Coley and his six-year-old brother, Cade, eagerly await what they will get for Christmas. My mom and dad always told me there would come a point in time in my life when I would enjoy giving more than receiving. I didn't agree or quite understand that as a youngster, but I do now. It is exciting for Nicole and me to see Coley and Cade tear open and unwrap their gifts. It brings us much joy and happiness to see their faces light up. We are trying to teach our boys the same principle: "It truly is more blessed to give than receive." I don't know that they understand now, but I know there is hope for the future.

What do you want for Christmas?

The most precious gift ever given was a newborn baby wrapped in swaddling clothes. Think about it: when a baby is born, family members and friends from all around come to see the new baby. Family and friends will visit the baby, hold the baby, and take pictures, celebrating this new life. Isn't that what Christmas is really all about? It's about people celebrating the new life that came into the world. But this baby was like no other baby that has ever been or will ever be born. This baby was a gift from heaven and the most precious gift. He was a present to you and me—He was even wrapped.

When you were a child and you received a present, you wanted to unwrap that present—immediately tearing it open and beginning to play with that new toy, game, etc. You wanted to discover everything that toy could and would do. Isn't that what Jesus desires for all of us? He desires for us to unwrap or discover all that He can and will do. He wants us to receive the most precious gift. But receiving the gift is only the beginning. As we begin to explore the gift, we will discover there is so much more. We soon discover it is more blessed to give than receive.

Merry Christmas from the Oliver household and the CEM Department. May you enjoy the most precious gift ever given during this special time. It's even wrapped!

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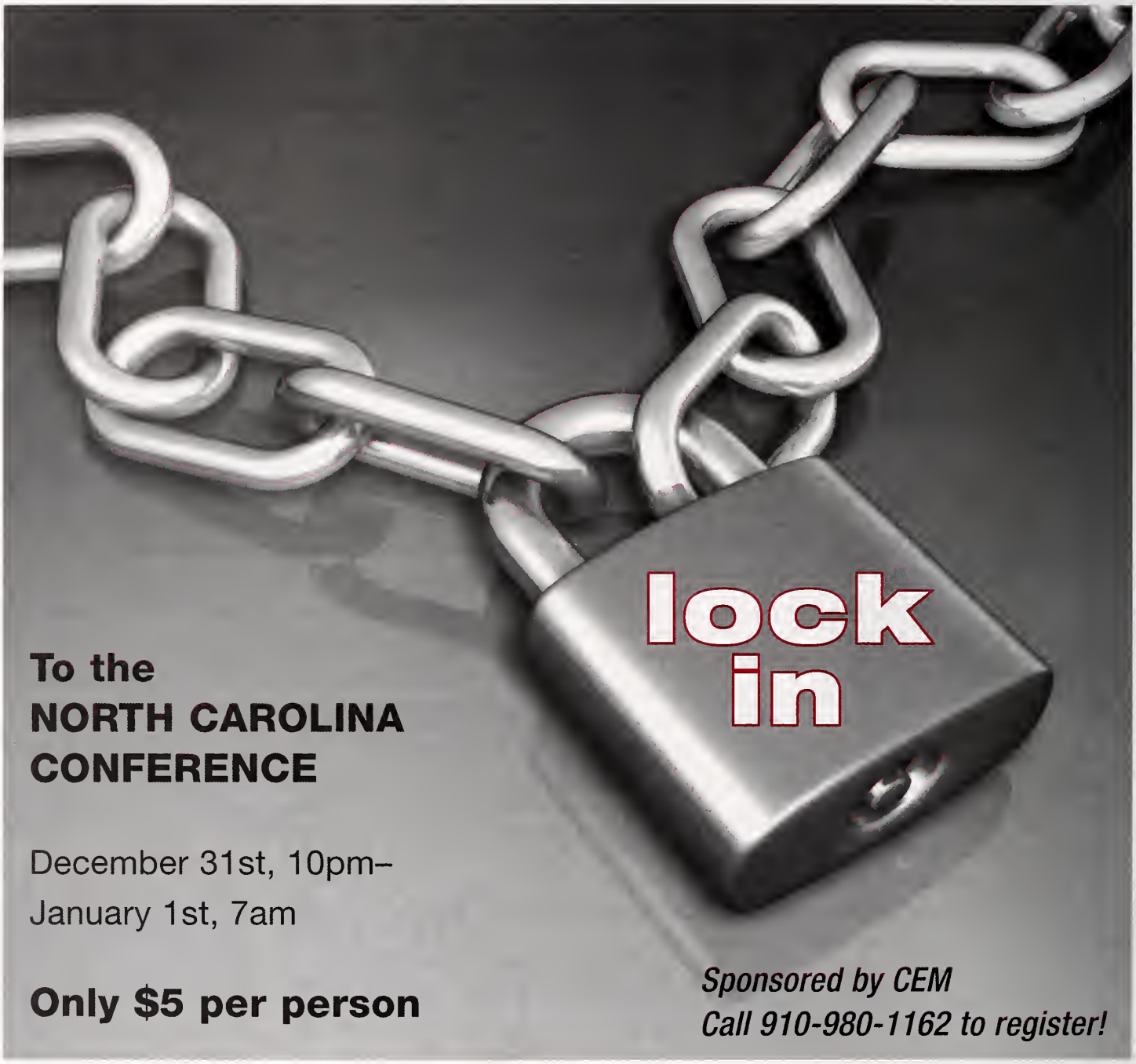

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Happy New Year!

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

-John 14:1-3

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

From the Bishop

26th General Conference

July 24 – August 1, 2009 • Greensboro, North Carolina

We have a great opportunity before us in the North Carolina Conference. The 26th General Conference will be in our state in Greensboro. From Falcon that is less than two hours away. It has been many years since the General Conference convened this close to us. The latest and nearest was in Richmond, Virginia, in 1985. This will be the time for every church to be represented and for all our people to have an opportunity to attend at least one service. It will also be the time that our very own Presiding Bishop will be honored at his retirement.

I am asking every clergy person and every church to make every effort to be present. The office staff will certainly assist in every way possible to help you. Just give us a call.

There will be many changes in the delegate selection for next year. Here is a quick review. Every ordained minister, if certified, may be a delegate. Every spouse of a certified ordained minister may be a delegate. Every senior pastor, if certified, may be a delegate. Every spouse of a certified senior pastor may be a delegate. Every organized local church may have one lay delegate if the church has been certified. In addition, every lay church member who is a member of a Conference or General Church Board may be certified as a delegate. In the past, the Conference Board has been able to certify additional lay delegates to balance the lay/clergy delegate numbers. I do not anticipate that happening for this conference. It is too early to know what influence the new rules governing the spouse delegates will have.

Certifications for clergy and churches will be based primarily on their financial support for the Conference and General Church. Other factors will be considered, such as faithfulness, immigration status, attendance at events, etc. Those not certified may certainly appeal to the Conference Board.

Here is a brief review of the daily events of the General Conference activities.

Friday, July 24 Youth Quest	Wednesday, July 29 General Conference Evening Speaker: Bishop James D. Leggett
Saturday, July 25 Youth Quest	Thursday, July 30 General Conference Morning Speaker: Reverend Mark Rutland Evening Speaker: Reverend Jerry Macklin
Sunday, July 26 Youth Quest	Friday, July 31 General Conference Morning Speaker: Reverend Beatriz Lopez Evening Speaker: Presiding Bishop Installation Service
Monday, July 27 Youth Quest Women's Ministries Registration Men's Ministries Registration General Conference Registration	Saturday, August 1 Business if Needed
Tuesday, July 28 Women's Ministries Men's Ministries General Conference Registration	

Presiding Bishop James Leggett will speak on Wednesday evening. Bishop Jerry Macklin will preach on Thursday evening. Brother Macklin is pastor of the Glad Tidings Church in the Bay Area. With more than 2,000 members and 50 active ministries, Glad Tidings impacts the Bay Area and Northern California. He is also the chairman of the Pentecostal Charismatic Churches of North America. On Friday evening, the new Presiding Bishop will speak.

The conference will also feature several other well-known speakers. Dr. Mark Rutland, president of both Global Servants and Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida, will speak in the Thursday, 11:00 a.m. plenary session. Reverend Beatriz Lopez, the national superintendent of Cuba, will speak at the Friday, 11:00 a.m. plenary session. Mrs. Becky Shirey, coauthor of *Logging Onto Courage.calm*, will speak at the Ministers' Wives Fellowship Luncheon. Pastor Don Webb and the Filling Station Ministry Team from Tree of Life Ministries, Lynchburg, Virginia, will lead the Kidz Quest. Reverend Nate Larkin of Samson Society will speak at the Men's Convention. Dr. Jane Hamon, copastor of Christian International Family Church, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, and Dr. Roni Pruitt, IPHC missionary, will speak at the Women's Ministries Convention. In addition, Kelly Isaacs will minister in word and song at the Banquet of the Men and Women. Wow, what a list of speakers this is!

The conference will be held at the J. S. Koury Convention Center, 3121 High Point Road in Greensboro. (This is the old Hwy 40 Interstate.) Part of the center is the Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel with over 900 guest rooms, large enough for the conference needs. Adjacent to the Sheraton Four Seasons and Koury Convention Center is the Four Seasons Town Centre shopping mall, offering over 150 different experiences in shopping, entertainment, and dining.

For more information, please contact the NC Conference office. Registration and information packets are available.

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Mrs. Emma Spencer Simpkins

Our beloved Emma Wahab Spencer Simpkins, 89, of Wilson heard God's call to "come up higher" on September 19, 2008. Emma, the youngest daughter of the late James H. and Eliza B. Wahab, was preceded in death by her husbands, Reverend T. Macon Spencer and Ed Simpkins, and sisters, Melvina Williams and Muriel Newman. Married to Macon for 42 years, she served God faithfully as she labored with him in numerous pastorates in Eastern North Carolina. A well-loved preacher's wife, she was known for her deep faith, warm wit, gentle spirit, and good biscuits. Her sweet, loving spirit touched the lives of many people, and she will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held on September 22 at Joyner's Funeral Home. A graveside service was held at Soule Cemetery near Swanquarter, North Carolina. The Reverend Jerry Nelson, Reverend Eugene Powers, and Reverend David Butts officiated. Reverend Butts writes the following about the celebration service: "The home going service for Mrs. Emma Spencer Simpkins was a tribute to a wonderful lady. It truly was a celebration of a life spent for God and His kingdom. Several things gave testimony to this life lived in ministry and compassion for other people. Her daughter Lou Spencer sang a song she had written and recorded, 'I'm Home Now.' The song is a testimony of a faithful child of God and the reward to come to them after leaving this life. Mrs. Emma was a friend and mentor during my testimony in Wilson where she attended. One of the most endearing things about her was her wit, and those who spoke at the funeral shared some of those moments with the congregation. In life there are people who impact our lives, and Mrs. Emma was such a person for me and my family and for many others as well."

Mrs. Emma was laid to rest beside her beloved husband and ministry partner of 42 years. Their ministry as pastor and evangelist took them over a large part of Eastern North Carolina. Their pastorates included Swanquarter (twice), Wades Point, Farmville (twice), Pinetown, Bethany, Belfast, Goshen, and Graham Memorial.

I first met the Spencers when they were pastors at Belfast. During that time Brother Spencer held a revival at my home church of Manley Grove. I was greatly blessed. This was a very special couple.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: two daughters, Judy Gibson of Wilson and Lou Spencer of Black Mount, North Carolina; two sons: Jim Spencer and wife Joanne of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Bob Spencer and wife Sharon of Wilmington; four grandchildren: Rusty Spencer and wife Carmen, Mischelle Spencer, Melinda Faulk and husband Dennis, and Ginny Munichman and husband Max; four great-grandchildren: Garrett and Sophia Spencer, Lindsey Faulk, and Marc Munichman; a sister, Isabelle Goolsby, of Suffolk Virginia; a son-in-law, Wayne Gibson; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Reverend Mrs. Valeria Gail Cooper

May 5, 1953 – November 18, 2008

Valeria Gail Frederick Cooper, daughter of William Sherman, Sr., and the late Mable Batts Frederick, was born May 5, 1953, in Warsaw, North Carolina. She departed from this life on November 18, 2008, at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

After graduating from North Carolina Central University in 1975 with a B.A. in English Education, she began her career as a special services counselor/teacher at James Sprunt Community College in Kenansville, North Carolina. She later joined Clinton High School as an English instructor, held a leadership role as a department chair, and earned recognition as Teacher of the Year in 1994. After moving to Hertford County with her husband and children, she held a number of roles in education, including on-site coordinator for the Alternative Learning Center, assistant principal, and literacy/curriculum instruction coordinator.

Valeria Cooper finished her master of school administration degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. She believed in continuous learning and furthered her education, earning certificates and fellowships from Shaw University, UNC-Chapel Hill, Carnegie Mellon University, and others. As a result, she was promoted to a senior administrative role as a curriculum instructional specialist for Hertford County Schools. After 33 years in the school system, Valeria retired on June 30, 2008.

During her education career, she won the hearts and respect of all those privileged to know her, colleagues and students alike. She was also a well-known writer, poet, and public speaker across North Carolina.

Valeria loved God and served him faithfully. She was ordained as a minister in 1997 and assumed the role of pastor of Mt. Zion Holiness Church in Warsaw, North Carolina, in 2004.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mable Batts Frederick; brother, William Sherman Frederick, Jr.; and sister, Mildred Frederick. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Larry James Cooper; one daughter, Tiffany Chrystele Cooper of Raleigh; one son, Frederick Carlyle Cooper of Durham, North Carolina; and honorary daughters Tameika Faison of Winston-Salem and Alonda Michelle Cooper of Durham.

I first met Pastor Cooper in March 2008. Instantly I respected her and recognized her gifts as a minister. She was truly a woman of God. She joined the North Carolina Conference in May 2008 and was in the process of leading her church to join the North Carolina Conference when she became sick.

Her celebration service was held at the Kemba Building in Warsaw, November 23. It was my privilege to have a few words in the service to speak of her union with the IPHC. It was a glorious service. Minister Dexter Stevens presided, and Reverend Adner Batts gave the eulogy. Several friends and fellow ministers spoke of the integrity and character of this great woman of God. Two separate choirs rendered special music: the Church of Philadelphia and the Community Choir. Her interment was in the Johnson Cemetery in Warsaw. It was estimated that over 700 were present for the celebration activities. Remembrances of her will always warm the heart and direct to Christ.

Ezra Bryan Fann

July 21, 1915 – November 26, 2008

Reverend Ezra Fann, 93, was promoted to heaven the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Brother Fann was born in Cumberland County to the late Reverend Samuel A. and Mattie Bryant Fann. He served his country in the United States Army Air Corps. He was a retired IPHC minister, having served the denomination for 26 active years.

Ezra Fann attended Southwestern College in Bethany, Oklahoma. He joined the Oklahoma Conference, New Harvest, in 1951. In 1952, he transferred to the North Carolina Conference. He was ordained in Falcon in 1953. He graduated from Holmes Bible College with a B.S.L. degree. He also attended Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, for one year.

He began pastoring in the North Carolina Conference in 1955. He pastored the following churches: Fuquay Springs, Saint Matthew, Goshen, Hodges Chapel, Bethany, Roper, Winter Park, and his longest pastorate, Saint John. He was superannuated in 1977.

He started his ministry later in life but was mightily used of the Lord. He was known for his faithfulness and his prayer life. The loves of Ezra Fann were God, family, and friends – and in that proper order. His determination to follow God's will was known by all.

In his retirement years he was a faithful member of The First Church in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He taught the adult Sunday school class there for many years until his health failed him.

Reverend Fann's celebration service was held at The First Church on November 29. A good number of family, friends, and fellow ministers attended on a cold and rainy fall day. Bishop Chris Thompson, Reverend Raymond Potter, and Pastor Jim Whitfield spoke. Reverend Jerry Hannah furnished the special singing. Mrs. Carolyn Castonia furnished the music. His body was laid to rest in the Princeton Memorial Cemetery.

Brother Fann is survived by his faithful wife of 60 years, Donnie Lee Fann, and his son, Bryan, of Wilmington. He is also survived by his devoted friends and caregivers, Charles and Sandra Coletrain of Goldsboro.

He will be missed, but he is not lost to us. We know where he is!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

Rev. Mrs. Daisy Morris
January 2

Rev. Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson
January 5

Rev. King White
January 11

Rev. Buck Parnell
January 16

Rev. Jimmy Swinson
January 18

Rev. Raleigh Horton
January 22

Rev. James McCandless
January 22

Rev. Linwood Butts
January 29

Rev. Dempsey Winstead
January 30

Rev. Harold Turpin
February 1

Rev. Sherwood O'Neal
February 1

Rev. Hildred Potter
February 8

Rev. Frank Gentry
February 18

Rev. Tim Henry
February 26

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The Brazos Introduction to Christian Spirituality

by Evan B. Howard. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press. 496 pages.

Religion may not be as popular as it once was, but spirituality certainly is in right now. What does that say about the direction many seem to be going? Spirituality can be healthy or unhealthy, right or wrong, depending on the makeup and purpose of the individual, group, or congregation. Almost always spirituality invokes controversy and presents problems if it is not carefully managed and directed. For example, would the reader agree or disagree with the concept of "the dark night of the soul" or perhaps "the four waters" of Teresa of Avila? Is mysticism biblical? This book offers biblical, theological, and philosophical reflections on the dynamics of the "with-God" life. Christians should never be afraid of learning more about the "with-God" kind of life.

The book consists of 12 chapters, draws from a variety of different sources, and provides a survey of Christian spirituality, offering the big picture so that various traditions, practices, and perspectives can be comprehended as a whole. The author moves from the more difficult material to the easier, progressing from method to theology to dynamics to practice. Numerous charts, pictures, cartoons, and focus boxes are included to make the text not only illuminating but also interesting. At the end of each chapter, a chapter summary, questions for consideration, and a list of works entitled "Looking Further" are provided.

A word of caution is warranted because pursuing spirituality can be a dangerous practice. The archenemy of the human soul enjoys seducing people to a distorted Christianity or spirituality. Some, like Dave Hunt and T. A. McMahon, label this current interest in Christian spirituality as a New Age seduction. Any approach to developing a relationship with God that distorts the Bible and the historical Christian faith is plainly wrong. Consider this: Should we say that the Spirit of God or the Bible is the Christian's authority and guide? In seeking a closer walk with the Lord, the devil would just as soon cause a terrible shipwreck of one's faith. Deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons must be avoided at all cost.

Yes, there are dangers in pursuing Christian spirituality, but what about the danger of not pursuing Christian spirituality? When the Lord Jesus summons the believer to follow Him, does He suggest that the path will be fully safe and forever free from trouble, including spiritual dangers? The Lord Jesus said, "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." A pursuit of Christian spirituality calls for spiritual wakefulness and prayer in full dependence upon the Lord.

The book is not recommended for beginners. It would require maturity, discernment, and a solid base of biblical and theological knowledge to benefit from the material. The Catholic connections, numerous references from the Paulist Press, N. T. Wright, and the Eastern Orthodox must be observed with a watchful eye. If the whole of the Christian life is a holy longing, as Augustine contended, then one must long rightly, biblically, and discreetly, and be led by the Holy Spirit.

Surely God wants to be known, and He wants to be known well by those who love Him. Knowing God, who is incomprehensible yet knowable, is an eternal pursuit of life. He is both revealed and hidden. He has made Himself known. He hides to be discovered! He may be known through unknowing. His sheep know His voice. He seeks to make us perfect. No true disciple of Christ would ever be satisfied with a vague knowledge of Him. Like Mary, who was fervently occupied in spirit with the love of Jesus Christ, the most worthy pursuit of life is to know God and make Him known to others.

We Become What We Worship

by G. K. Beale. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press. 341 pages.

The main thesis of the book is that "what you revere you resemble, either for ruin or restoration." The man makes the idol; then the idol makes the man. An idol does not have to be an actual image; it can be internalized in the heart. An idol is a substitute for God. J. A. Motyer defined an idol as "whatever claims the loyalty that belongs to God alone." The modern world is infested with idols. The shopping malls are full to the brim with idols. The human heart, as John Calvin said, is an idol factory. Paul exhorted Christians to flee idolatry, while John warned to keep from idols. Idolatry must never be viewed as belonging exclusively to primitive cultures. Idolatry is very much alive in American culture!

Consisting of 12 chapters, the book does not serve as a comprehensive book on idolatry in the Bible, but rather traces throughout Holy Scripture the concept that what people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration. The author begins with Isaiah 6 and answers these questions: *Why are idolaters said to be people who have ears but cannot hear and have eyes but cannot see?* and *Why are other kinds of sinners, such as murderers, liars, thieves, and covetous people not portrayed in this particular manner?* Idolaters possess malfunctioning ears and eyes!

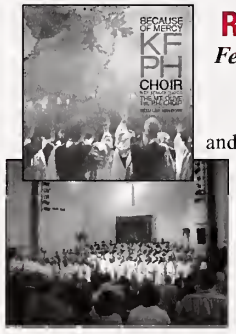
The judgment the Lord inflicts upon idolaters is that they become as spiritually insensitive as their idols. People will be punished by means of their own sin. An idol of stone or wood could not see, hear, or speak. It would be sensibly incapable; thus, the judgment of God upon the idolater would result in true spiritual insensitivity, eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear. Blind eyes and blocked ears prevent fellowship with God. Spiritual insensitivity leads to spiritual destruction. Idolatry is more than a pagan problem or a modern problem; it is a Christian problem! When we open our hearts to idolatrous and sinful substitutes, we unleash all sorts of sinful impulses.

Some Christians advocate that God does not control everything that happens, meaning the future is not yet settled. This is an abomination and an idol. If God is not the God of the future, then why believe He is the God of the past? If He cannot be trusted about what He has already said, then how can He be trusted to guide the future into perfect bliss? His prophecy is as certain as history. God is supreme over all things, including the future.

The absurdity of idolatry indicates that when people are given over to idolatry, the Lord delivers them into the power of their transgression, which means if the people love their idols, then God will make them love and do idolatry even more. One of the great judgments of God is allowing people to have their way and to have what they want. When an ever increasing desire is coupled with an ever diminishing return, sinful lust leads to greater spiritual hardness and blindness.

The author rightly contends that spiritual seeing and hearing come as a gift from God. The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God… but he that is spiritual judgeth all things. Beale stated, "God is the real image maker (Genesis 1:26-27) who reversed the sinful condition and forms believers to reflect His true image, so that they could be able to spiritually see and hear."

This volume will be a valuable resource for all who love the Lord. Happy Reading!



Release of *Because of Mercy* CD (January 4)

Featuring the KFPH Choir, the Mt. Olive First PH Choir, Beth List Newport

This recording project has been one full year in the works and will feature 12 original songs and music, as well as powerful testimonies from within the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The project was coproduced by Glen Woodward of Past Twelve Studios in California and Errett and Tracie Marshburn, worship directors at the KFPH Church in Kinston, N.C.

The KFPH Church is joined by the Mt. Olive First PH Church under the direction of Kevin and Amy Mooring. Other special guests include Beth List Newport (daughter of missionaries Phillips and Gailya List) and Glen Woodward.

The CDs will cost $20 each, and $5 from each CD will go toward building the Satellite-Riruta PH Church in Kenya under the direction of Ron Wooten and Phillip List. Our goal is to build this church completely, raising a total of $40,000. However, without the help of other PH churches, this will be a difficult task. Therefore, we are seeking the help of other churches who have a heart for missions and a desire to increase their missions giving within their church.

All PH pastors or missions leaders may order CDs from the KFPH Church, sell them to their people, and keep $5 from each CD for their own church missions credit. The only thing we ask is that it be turned in to the IPHC World Missions Department for this specific project. By doing this, we will build this church together, while each church raises its own giving totals.

What a great way to fund-raise for missions within your church! Instead of selling candy or candles this year, why not sell these CDs as a source of ministry to those receiving them and as a witness to a hurting world? If you would like to purchase a CD, or if you are a pastor or missions leader and are interested in ordering a box of CDs, please contact: Errett or Tracie Marshburn at 252-286-4072 or 252-286-4073.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

It's a new year, and there is definitely change in the air. We see it all around us. Many of you are also facing a change of season as the New Year begins. Remember, you are not facing it alone. Our God goes before you. His love is constant and unconditional. We can confidently entrust to Him all that is dear to us.

If you attended Harvest Train in November, you noticed a lot of wonderful changes. The parade circled through Falcon and around the Children's Home. Women's Ministries conference directors judged the signs, which the children posted in front of each cottage. The first-place winner was Culbreth East. (Their prize, a pizza party!) "'Twas the Night Before Harvest Train" was the theme of the program that was written and directed by Rodney Walker. It was absolutely wonderful, and yes, we found "Snuggles." The Best Decorated Vehicle was won by the South Gastonia PH Church in the Cornerstone Conference and Holly Hill PH Church in Vanceboro. Thank you for your gifts and commodities. Harvest Train was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas Season.

A great big thank you goes to Mr. Joey Leggett, the Falcon Children's Home staff, and the children for a job well done!

Remember, *"Together we will make a difference."* Let's shine in 2009!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Store your clear plastic wrap in the freezer. The cold will reduce the static electricity in the plastic so it won't stick to the roll when you pull off a piece.
- When leaving on a family trip, instead of throwing out perfectly good milk, pour it into ice cube trays and freeze it. When you return, thaw for coffee and cereal.
- Photos stuck together – with a hair dryer on low, slowly melt them apart.

Holly Hill P. H. Church, "Visions of Harvest Train"

Welcome to Mrs. Judy Jones

Judy has agreed to serve as our Williamston Women's Ministries district director. Her address is 107 Ray Farmer Road, Aulander, NC 27805. Her telephone number is 252-346-0164. She will be available to assist you in your local WM groups in the Williamston District. Please give her a call and invite her to your WM meetings, etc. We appreciate her willingness to serve in this area of ministry.

Special Prayer Request

By the time you receive this *Evangel*, Linda Thomas and I will be with Rose Boyd and other team members headed to Lusaka, Zambia, in Central Africa. We will be doing training for Women's Ministries leadership as well as Sewing School Training Class. We leave the U.S. on January 14 and return January 23. We covet your prayers not only for us, but also for our families as well as the people to whom we will be ministering in Zambia.

"Mrs. Patsy"

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Team Up to Take Christ to the People

May I wish everyone a Happy New Year? Yes, incredibly, we are now beginning another year. God blessed us in so many ways last year. I am looking forward to seeing what He will do in the NC Conference in 2009!

I believe we have an urgent, critical mission to accomplish. And I believe it will take every one of us to do this. You may ask, "What mission, and what can I do?" There is much for all of us to do.

Just look around us: heartaches, tribulations, sickness, sin—troubles abound in people's lives in our churches, our cities, our communities, our schools, and our families. Satan is not leaving anyone out. He is on the attack in every arena.

We must do something to stop him! We must take Christ to the people!

Sometimes we lose our nerve when we get around someone who is lost and become scared to share Christ with him. Sometimes we even get nervous about sharing the Word if people are Christians because we are afraid we aren't smart enough or that we don't speak eloquently enough.

So find yourself a Christian brother to team up with, and go to war together. God gave Moses Aaron to boost his confidence. Jesus sent his seventy disciples out by twos. Jesus knew we would need help when we went out to spread the gospel. One of His most encouraging promises is that where two or three are gathered in His name, He will be also.

Remember that believers are the only hope for these families being torn apart by the attacks of the enemy. It is believers who spread the Word of God and testify what the power of God can do to defeat Satan.

Bind together with a brother in Christ and stand up in Jesus' name. He will be there to help. We must rise up to another level in 2009 in order to make a difference in the lives of the hurting and dying in sin.

Jesus said in John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

Please. Let Jesus use you in the year 2009. Accept the mission, use your voice, and go forth in His Name. Let 2009 be the year you make a difference.

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North Carolina iWIN Conference 2008

"Access to God"

Rev. Randal Strickland
Rev. Jerry R. Nelson

Two words that come to mind to describe the gathering of intercessors for the 2008 iWIN Conference are "prophetic" and "powerful"! It began on Friday night, October 31, with the Octagon Tabernacle filled with intercessors for a prayer service.

Rev. Terry Fowler, International iWIN director, opened the service with a challenge from 2 Kings, chapters 6 and 7, encouraging everyone to "listen for a prophetic word" from the Lord during our conference. From that moment the Holy Spirit began to speak to our hearts and release powerful words of exhortation and edification.

The theme "Access to God" was confirmed as the Holy Spirit began to manifest His presence in response to the worship and prayers of His people. What a beautiful moment of agreement and unity as the assembled body formed a circle inside the tabernacle that reached completely around the room and into the choir area. During this powerful time of prayer and worship, the Spirit of God declared a time of new beginnings and spirit of unity. There was emphasis upon positioning ourselves at the gate of access and possessing His authority to storm the gates of the enemy. The Holy Spirit seemed to orchestrate the flow of worship and ministry throughout the evening.

Bishop D. Chris Thompson greeted us Saturday, November 1 with special words of exhortation and encouragement.

Our special guest speaker, Rev. Terry Fowler, in two morning sessions pointed to the strategic role of prayer and being led by the Spirit. Session One, from Acts 16, entitled "Taking Over a Region," focused upon Paul's ministry in Macedonia, which was the direct result of his sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

In Session Two, entitled "Breaking Corporate Drought," Reverend Fowler focused upon 1 Kings 18, citing Elijah's obedience to God and resolve to pray until God gave abundant rain, thus breaking the drought in the nation.

Throughout the morning, we were led in praise and worship by Sister Susan Oxendine and the praise ensemble. The exciting time of study, worship, and fellowship concluded with sharing the Lord's Table and the leadership team ministering to those who came forward for prayer. The Spirit of God moved mightily, affirming His Word and His will in each life.

It was a time of "Access to God," the impact of which will be felt throughout the years to come in the lives of all who were present. Our theme verse from Matthew 27:51 points us to the "access" that is ours now through his atoning sacrifice: "Behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent."

Sister Kathy Shelly, secretary for Reverend Fowler, was our special guest intercessor for the conference.

Congratulation to Reverend Doctor Lydia Figueroa, NC WIN director and her WIN board for a job well done.

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With a Song in My Heart

Growing up in a home full of music can change your whole attitude about life. I believe God gave me a song in my heart a long time before I accepted Him as my Savior. I have loved to sing from the time I was a little girl, and singing would always give me a good feeling even if I were down in the dumps.

God gave us music to enjoy, and I learned at an early age that music could make a difference in your outlook on life. Of course some kinds of music are better for you than others! Especially when you become a Christian, you learn to really enjoy those hymns and spiritual songs that lift you up from the trials of this earth. God has blessed so many writers of today to give us songs of praise and worship that will lead you to the throne of grace. We do not have a shortage of good songs to enjoy.

God has blessed our three sons with musical talent, and they are using that talent for the Lord in the places where He has placed them. We thank God and praise Him for His hand upon their lives.

Psalm 126:2, 3 says, "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Do you have a song in your heart, or are you earthbound? Are you so low you cannot see any good in your life? Pull out the radio, record player, or tape player if you are not electronically inclined. Sometimes if I am discouraged, I turn on some music, and the Lord lifts me up and keeps me going. I admit I have a lot to learn about all the new electronics available today, but when I get a chance, I plan to learn.

Once you practice having a song in your heart, you will be surprised at how God will change your whole attitude about life. Even if you have to get by yourself and sing at the top of your lungs, do it, and God will bless you. As the scripture above says, even the heathen will recognize the presence of the Lord in your life. Give Him praise by living with a song in your heart.

The Ministers and Spouses Retreat

The N.C. Conference Ministers and Spouses Retreat is set for February 26, 27, and 28, 2009, at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, S.C. We encourage you to come enjoy the sessions and the great fellowship. Many couples come and don't want to leave because it is such a good time of meeting other ministers and their spouses, and they establish lasting friendships with each other.

If you are a church member and would like to do something for a ministerial couple, please consider sponsoring them or encourage your church board to send them to the retreat. It is a refreshing time for the ministers and spouses, but the churches will ultimately benefit from their having attended.

When two couples share a suite, they are able to save a lot of money. There are suites with two bedrooms and baths, a den, and a kitchen.

Presiding Bishop and Faye Leggett will be speaking at our retreat this year, and we are thoroughly looking forward to their being with us. Plan now to attend, and I know the Lord will work it out for you to come!

May God bless!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Do You Remember...?

Do you recall all the details and dates of your life? You are the one who has lived that life, and you are the only one who can tell your story. Even if you never held an office or were always in the background, your thoughts, concerns, and passion for Christ are just as important as the person standing in front of the church leading the service.

God loves each of us just the same! As a young adult in Bible school, I remember feeling very special to the Lord because He was just so good to me. I realized later that I was no different to God than anyone else because God loves everyone the same. Therefore, each of our lives and stories is important to God, our families, and our loved ones. Our lives are a witness of the Lord's goodness and love to all of us.

I have learned through working with the Archives Department that one of the most important things a Christian can do for his or her family and the generations to come is to keep a diary or a journal. Our children have no idea of the circumstances of our lives and how God has used these situations to mold and make us who we are today. Our thoughts and prayers to the Lord reveal our innermost relationship to the Lord and mankind. Many times we mention things that happened to us and how God helped us, but we may not remember all the details, and because we are human, in years to come we may not remember that much.

For many years, I have thought about writing down my life story, but it took my having a birthday that is a milestone in my life to wake me up and realize how much time has already passed, and I have not even started writing. So my New Year's resolution is to write down things I remember in a notebook, even as we ride down the road on the way to a service or special event.

My challenge to you is to start remembering and writing down all the details in a journal or a notebook. If you ever feel low or unimportant, read the story of your life and see all over again how God stepped in at the right time, blessed you with His precious Holy Spirit, and reminded you of His great love. Do you remember? Then tell it—if not for you, then for a witness to our Lord's faithfulness!

January 24 Archives Training With Dr. Vinson Synan!

Saturday, January 24, 2009, is our annual Archives training in Falcon at the Conference Cafeteria. We are privileged to have as our guest speaker this year Dr. Vinson Synan, who will be presenting the history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We are excited about Dr. Synan coming to speak to us. Many of you have let me know you are planning to come. You do not want to miss this event.

By the time you read this, the ministers of the N.C. Conference and church historians should have received a letter and RSVP. If you are interested in coming and have not received any information, please call the office, and we will send a letter to you. Please be sure to send the RSVP back to me ASAP because we want to be sure to have enough materials for each of you.

Did You Know...?

Did you know that the original J. A. Culbreth Auditorium had to be torn down back in October? It was a hard thing to see, but when it started falling apart and there were no resources available for renovation, it was inevitable. Several years ago before camp meeting, the air conditioners went out, and the repairmen had to search all over North Carolina for a part; because of the age of the air conditioners, plans would have to be made for a replacement in the near future. In researching the situation, they found that in order to replace the air conditioners, they would have to bring the whole building up to code!

Pieces of the original roof or ceiling had started falling through the ceiling tiles and could have caused a dangerous situation. There was also evidence of termites all the way up to the roof!

All this meant millions of dollars, and then we would still have an old building, so the Conference voted in session to build a new one. The result of the campaign was the new J. A. Culbreth Building. The new building is beautiful and is enjoyed by all who have attended a service or meeting within its walls.

We were able to take pictures of the whole process, and I continually went over to find some kind of remnant from the building to put in the Archives. We were gone for a few days, and when we came back, our first stop was the site of broken timbers, etc. I kept praying for the Lord to help me find something to put in Archives. While looking around, I saw a patch of dark dirt, and thinking it might be remnants of the 1926 fire of the first Camp Meeting and Falcon School building, I started scraping through the dirt. You will never believe what I found. I found about two handfuls of chalk from the Falcon School!

The chalk had been under a section of the cement flooring and was preserved along with white ashes that were probably paper at one time. Within the mix of chalk and ashes was a short pencil that looks like a little golf pencil. We also found bricks from the foundation of the first building, porcelain electrical insulators, a piece of the slanted wood, and a piece of wood with old square-head nails! Some of you may be laughing at all of this, but I believe God gives us memorial stones to remind us of His goodness and faithfulness.

Just as at the loss of the first building to fire, we have to look to the future for what our needs are for the next generation. God will supply resources if we will be faithful to seek to do His will.

May God bless until next time!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Nuestro Lema Para el Año 2009

"Y él es antes de todas las cosas, y todas las cosas en él subsisten; Y él es la cabeza del cuerpo que es la iglesia"
Colosenses 1:17-18

Programa de Eventos del 2009

Actividades

- Enero 30 y 31: Escuela de Ministerio.
- Febrero 27-28 y 1 de marzo: Retiro Matrimonial de Ministros.
- Marzo 13 y 14: Retiro Hispano de Hombres.
- Abril 11: Escuela de Ministerio.
- Mayo 22 y 23: Retiro Hispano de Mujeres.
- Junio 26-28: Campamento Juvenil Hispano.
- Julio 25: Escuela de Ministerio.
- Septiembre 12: Día Familiar Pastoral
- Octubre 30 y 31: Congreso Hispano de Misiones.
- Noviembre 6 y 7: Conferencia de Oración WIN
- Diciembre 4 y 5: Convención Hispana

Clases de INE

- Febrero 20 y 21: Primer Nivel
- Mayo 15 y 16: Primer Nivel
- Junio 4-6: Avanzado
- Agosto 28 y 29: Primer Nivel
- Octubre 1-3: Avanzado y Graduación
- Noviembre 20 y 21: Primer Nivel

Otros Ventos

- Enero 22: Conferencia Distrital Hispana
- Marzo: Reuniones de distrito "La Gran Comisión"
- Marzo 6 y 7: Convención del Ministerio de Educación Cristiana
- Marzo 26-28: la Unción II en Goldsboro
- Abril 24 y 25: Retiro Las Hijas de Débora
- Junio: Campamentos de la Juventud
- Julio 29 al 1 de Agosto: Conferencia General en Greensboro
- Agosto 8: Conferencia Anual de NC
- Septiembre 9, 16, 23 y 30: Conferencias distritales de otoño
- Octubre 8-10: City Quest
- Noviembre 24: Harvest Train, evento Del Falcon Children Home
- Diciembre: Fiestas de Navidad

Recibimos y empezamos el año 2009 declarando estas promesas de la Palabra de Dios:

- "En Dios haremos proezas" Salmo 60:12
- "Jehová cumplirá su propósito en mí…" Salmo 138:8
- "…pero los que esperan a Jehová tendrán nuevas fuerzas…" Isaías 40:31
- "Mi Dios, pues, suplirá todo lo que os falta conforme a sus riquezas en gloria en Cristo Jesus." Filipenses 4:19
- "De cierto, de cierto os digo: El que en mí cree, las obras que yo hago, él las hará también; y aun mayores hará…" Juan 14:12

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Our Theme of the Year 2009

"He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church…"
Colossians 1:17-18

Programs for 2009

Activities

- January 30 and 31: School of Ministry.
- February 27-28 and March 1: Ministers' Marriage Retreat.
- March 13 and 14: Men's Ministries Retreat.
- April 11: School of Ministry.
- May 22 and 23: Women's Ministries Retreat.
- June 26-28: Youth Camp Meeting.
- July 25: School of Ministry.
- September 12: Entertainment Pastor Day
- October 30 and 31: Missions Congress.
- November 6 and 7: Prayer Conference WIN
- December 4 and 5: Hispanic Convention

INE Classes

- February 20 and 21: First Level
- May 15 and 16: First Level
- June 4-6: Advance
- August 28 y 29: First Level
- October 1-3: Advance and Graduation
- November 20 and 21: First Level

Special Events

- January 22: District Hispanic Conference
- March: Great Commission Meals
- March 6 and 7: Church Education Convention
- March 26-28: The Anointing II in Goldsboro
- April 24 and 25: Deborah's Daughters Retreat
- June: Youth Camps
- July 29 – August 1: General Conference
- August 8: Annual Conference of NC
- September 9, 16, 23 and 30: Hispanic District Conferences
- October 8-10: City Quest
- November 24: Harvest Train, Falcon Children's Home
- December: Hispanic Christmas Parties

We receive and start this year 2009 declaring these promises of the Word of God:

- "With God we will gain the victory." Psalm 60:12
- "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me…" Psalm 138:8
- "…But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31
- "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19
- "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do even greater things than these…" John 14:12

VICTORY
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Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Went to heaven Nov. 26, 2008

Where Are They Now...?

Raleigh and Delia Horton

Rev. Raleigh Horton was born in Elizabeth City, N.C., on January 22, 1912, and was "born again" at the Pearl Street Assembly of God in the same city 13 years later. His family consisted of his parents and 12 children. Raleigh was the baby!

In 1926 he joined the Elizabeth City PH Church and answered the call to preach the gospel at age 16. The Depression years were hard on the Hortons, and Raleigh had to quit school in order to help the family make ends meet. However, the desire to preach burned in his heart, and he studied hard on his own in order to "show himself approved unto God."

In 1948 he received his local minister's license and in 1951 joined the Eastern Virginia Conference. There he planted two churches (South Mills and Riddle, N.C.) and pastored several other churches.

In 1953 Rev. and Mrs. Horton came to the North Carolina Conference. They pastored three churches here, but they will be remembered mostly for their work in evangelism. Raleigh's life passion was winning souls to Jesus Christ! In every revival Mrs. Horton worked tirelessly with the young people of the church while Raleigh would fire away the Gospel in the pulpit. He was an evangelist, different from most, unique in his presentation of the Gospel, but effective in touching lives and bringing them to know the Lord. After his retirement in 1974, he never stopped telling the story of Jesus to everyone he met. He continued this fervency for the Lord even when he was bedridden and unable to stand on his feet, "punching for Jesus" (a favorite expression of his) and winning souls to the Kingdom!

This month Raleigh is 97 years old. His wife Delia, whom he married in 1993, stands by his side and does all she can for him. He resides at an Elizabeth City nursing home, waiting the final call to go home. He is well cared for and at times he will speak and give an occasional smile. In speaking with Mrs. Horton, she knows that he realizes it will not be long until he will cross the river and be with his loving Lord. She is committed to his leaving, and we believe Raleigh is committed to his going. What a meeting! Glory!

Annual Christmas Luncheon – Well Attended!

Louise Thompson | *Roland Harrell* | *Chris Thompson* | *Tony Gibson* | *Sue Parker*

If you were not able to attend the Retired Ministers' Christmas luncheon, you missed a real treat. They seem to get better each year, and the attendance keeps growing. We had 125 pretty ladies and handsome men who came to fellowship and celebrate Christmas.

So many attendees spoke of the beautiful setting, decorations, and especially the food! We are glad our conference provides for our "senior folks," and we are truly appreciative. We were thrilled to see 14 widows of deceased retired ministers, some whom came for their very first time.

Rev. Ms. Louise Thompson gave an inspiring devotional, and Mr. Tony Gibson blessed us with his testimony and sang several beautiful songs. Ms. Sue Parker (our newest board member) led us in several games, awarding prizes to the winners. Ms. Jean Clark gave away the table centerpieces and several other additional gifts, made possible by her daughter Marilyn, who lives in the Washington, D.C., area. To conclude, our Bishop gave each retiree a "bonus" retirement check from the conference. What a gift! It was much appreciated. We wish all our retirees could have attended!

In 2009 I Will...

Like Paul, forget those things which are behind, and press forward.
Like David, lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.
Like Abraham, trust implicitly in my God.
Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father.
Like Jehosaphat, prepare my heart to seek God.
Like Moses, choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season.
Like Daniel, commune with God at all times.
Like Caleb and **Joshua**, refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers.
Like Gideon, advance even though my friends be few.
Like Aaron and **Hur**, uphold the hands of the leaders of my church with prayer and support.
Like Stephen, express a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt.

And, realizing that I cannot hope to achieve these objectives by my own strength, I rely upon the power of God, for *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"* (Phil. 4:13).

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Here we are, poised at the beginning of a new year with great potential and possibilities. The year 2008 was indeed an awesome display of what God can do; however, He wants to accomplish much more for His glory and our benefit. He has truly blessed the NC Conference. As we've already entered into this season of labor and harvest, I want to remind you once again of our conference theme; I believe it will go hand in hand with the theme you have placed before your people. The theme "He Is" is our challenge for this year. He is whatever we need Him to be individually and congregationally. In Evangelism/World Missions I'm using the following verse found in Ephesians 3:20: ***"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."***

EVANGELISM

It is an amazing statement that in the last three years (2006-2008), God has blessed us with 53 new churches in this one conference. In the same time period we've closed 11 churches (either older churches or new churches that did not survive); that is a net gain of 42 new churches. At the same time, from the smallest congregations to the largest, we've experienced numerous accounts of revitalization. In either statistic (new plants and revitalization) there is much more opportunity; we cannot cite accomplishments and rest. **I'm believing that by the end of 2009 we will be blessed with 260+ churches!**

Because of the increase in new church planters and existing planters, we are launching the Fellowship of Church Planters in 2009. Rev. Ray Faircloth will be the facilitator of this group, to build fellowship and relationships among members of this esteemed group and to promote new churches and church planters.

We must continue to pray for, identify, train, and send out church planters. These people are located within our congregations all across this conference, and the challenge is still present to resource them to plant the seed of a new church. I strongly believe we have a significant number of existing congregations who are "mother churches." This simply means they have a mothering spirit, either to plant a church out of their own congregation or be a resource provider for a new plant or plants.

Our vision for 2009 is at least one new church in every district and an overall vision for 20 new churches. God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.

One of the major thrusts of Evangelism Ministries in '09 is the **Anointing II Conference** at The First Church in Goldsboro on March 26-28 (Thursday-Saturday). Stan Toler and Conrad Lowe will be the featured trainers; Bishop James Leggett and the host pastor, Rev. Jimmy Whitfield, will be the nightly speakers. Pastors, this is a golden

opportunity for us to receive inspiration and training to enable us to "Go to the Next Level."

On October 8-10, 2009, in Falcon we will have our second **City Quest**. This is designed specifically for church planters and mother church pastors for training to plant and mother churches. I trust that you will make plans to attend. In April 2008 we had an impressive attendance, the largest of any City Quest, and '09 will prove to be even greater so that church planters and mother churches can do their part to reap *His* Harvest. The potential prospect of the above events excites me with possibilities.

MISSIONS

Even with the economic downturn in 2008, the year will prove to be a banner year in World Missions. At the time of the writing of this article, we will most likely be at or slightly beyond the figures of 2007. The vision for '09 is that we will reach the figure of $1.8 million in total giving. When this conference reaches a per capita giving of $75 per member, we will easily cross the $2 million mark. In the last three years, '06, '07, and '08, because of *you*, this conference has contributed almost **$5,000,000 to World Missions**. Thank you, and praise God! However, we've only scratched the surface of what can be done. Below I will list a few of the goals I have in my vision for IPHC families:

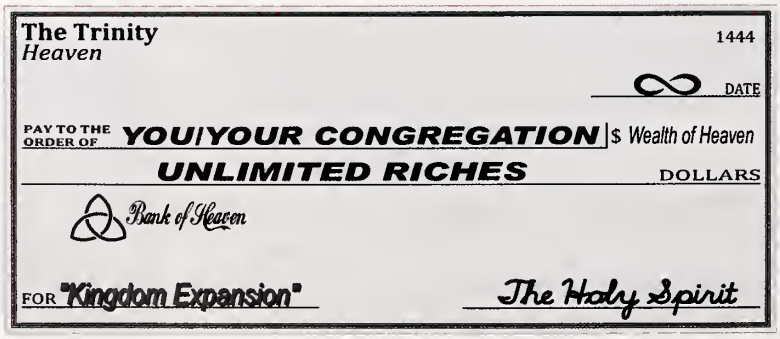
- Every member participating in the Day's Wage (Global Outreach) Goal for 2009 – **$325,000**
- Every NC Conference family supporting at least one missionary family
- Every NC Conference family supporting a People to People child
- That we reach $1,000,000 in Faith Commitment
- Every church to have a Missions ministry and a local Missions director
- Our total giving for 2009 to be $1.8 million

Events of interest for Missions personnel:

- The Great Commission Meals (kickoff for Global Outreach) will take place March 2-17
- Global Outreach Celebration: Sunday, August 16
- Missions Workshops: one per district – October (TBA)

THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING AND PARTICIPATING IN 2008 — TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

*****Remember Ephesians 3:20*****



"OUR BLANK CHECK"

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

Such Intimate Discipleship

by Sarah M. Salter
NC CEM Secretary/Bookkeeper

I am a member of a very special club: I am a pastor's child. I am blessed to know many other "club members" (pastors' children), so I know I'm not the only one who has had to cope with being born into a ministry family. I often joke that I was born on the second pew, right-hand side—although my mom promises that I wasn't. Of my first 1,000 memories, 990 took place on a hard but highly polished pew in an old country church in Eastern North Carolina. So how could it not affect who I have become?

Pastors' families live by a pretty strict set of priorities. As a child, one finds it hard to understand why the needs of the church family often come before the needs of the pastor's family. For example, throughout my entire childhood, we went on exactly one vacation. I was only five or six years old, and this was before the advent of cell phones or pagers. I'm convinced that is the only reason we weren't called home before the end of our vacation. My brother and I always knew that vacations and holidays were subject to change at a moment's notice, and we dreaded hearing the phone ring because we knew it meant that our fun had ended.

Our priorities were different from those of most families, but many things in life were much simpler then than they are now. When I was a child, we knew exactly what to expect from life: Sundays and Wednesday nights were for church, summers were for church camp and vacation Bible school, and neighbors were to be cared for at all costs. These priorities built a foundation in me that prepared me to be a lifelong disciple of Christ.

In the early days of Christianity, Christ's believers were known as "disciples." A disciple is one who embraces a belief and seeks to bring others to embrace that belief. But when we're talking about a disciple of Jesus Christ, we aren't just talking about embracing a belief. We're talking about embracing the person of Jesus Christ and through Him embracing all of the Godhead.

In John 17:20-23, Jesus prays for His disciples and for all of us who become disciples: "My prayer is not for them [the disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

The disciples followed Jesus. They walked where He walked. They sat around the table with Him and shared His food, laughter, and conversation. They embraced Him. The time they spent with Him affected them; it changed them. The day that you and I accepted Christ, He invited us to follow Him. He wants us to walk where He walked. He wants us to come to the table with Him and share His food, His laughter, and His conversation. He wants us to embrace Him. And He wants to change us.

How do we follow Christ in such intimate discipleship?

Many times throughout my life, I have felt I must do certain things to be embraced by God or must earn my way into a deeper relationship with Him. But I am becoming more and more convinced that the answer is a simple one. When Jesus was asked about "the greatest commandment," He answered, "Love God. Love people."

When it comes right down to it, we are all born into a "ministry family." I was born into one biologically, but on the day we were adopted into the Family of God, we were adopted into a "ministry family." Now that we are adopted into the family, following Him is much simpler than we think. Being His disciple is this simple: Love God. Love people.

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Talent Quest 2009

Now is the time to begin planning for Talent Quest 2009! We have made significant changes in the dates for Talent. That means the dates on your Conference Calendar are incorrect. Due to schedule conflicts, all District Talent rallies will be held during the same three-day period.

- **Thursday, February 19, 2009 – Morehead/New Bern District Rally**
  Location: New Covenant PHC, New Bern – 7 p.m.

- **Friday, February 20, 2009 – Goldsboro/Clinton District Rally**
  Location: Whitley Church, Princeton – 7 p.m.

- **Friday, February 20, 2009 – Greenville/Williamston District Rally**
  Location: Greenville First PHC, Greenville – 7 p.m.

- **Saturday, February 21, 2009 – Fayetteville/Wilson District Rally**
  Location: J.A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle, Falcon – 9 a.m.

- **Saturday, February 21, 2009 – Raleigh/Rocky Mount District Rally**
  Location: Living Faith Fellowship, Rocky Mount – 9 a.m.

- **Saturday, February 21, 2009 – Lumberton/Wilmington District Rally**
  Location: Wilmington First PHC, Wilmington – 9 a.m.

Please note that the Talent Quest registration deadline will be on Thursday, February 5, 2009. Your registration must be postmarked on or before that date in order to be processed in time for District Talent. 2009 Talent Guidelines (including themes) are available on the internet at http://cem.iphc.org.

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"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."

-JOHN 15:9 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

THE CHURCH – HER DAY TO SOAR

Today, 2009 is a day of challenge. Daily there is talk of recession, job loss, crime, and truth seemingly failing in the street. It is a day of great fear – fear that seems to have spread across the world. People in all nations are now paralyzed by world events. Yet disciples of Christ can show no such reactions. They may have soberness about the times, but also have a deep, abiding joy.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint (Isaiah 40:31).

"Arise, for this matter belongeth unto thee; we also will be with thee; be of good courage, and do it" (Ezra 10:4).

"And the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him" (Isaiah 59:15-16).

The true believer has these promises of the Lord and many more. Missionary Rick Renner spoke these words to his partners in December: "Tell your partners to get the word *crisis* out of their mouths. Their mouths will either bless them or defeat them – so if they keep saying the word *crisis* over and over again, they will become ensnared and defeated by the words of their own mouths. They need to start declaring, 'Opportunity is all around me!' There's never been a time of greater opportunity! This is the long-awaited time I've been praying and waiting for. I will be supernaturally blessed, supplied, and provided for in this season."

It is a Day of Codependency! The church is and always has been totally dependent on God: "For without Him we can do nothing." "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37). However, He uses His servants. He has chosen to do so. "Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly more abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

It is a Day of Co-operation. The early believers in Acts 6 went to the Apostles. It was a time of great need. After prayer and reflection, the first deacons were appointed. Here is a powerful demonstration of co-operation. The Spirit was working through leadership and through the body of believers. By their working together a formidable team was formed. The enemy was defeated. Ministry was the result. Lives were blessed and changed.

It is a Day of Communication! The church must hear from the Lord. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). But the vision must be shared. The Lord told the prophet, "Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it" (Habakkuk 2:2). It is amazing what happens when people see and experience the vision of God. "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you" (Habakkuk 1:5).

Conference leadership must speak. Pastors must speak. Church leadership must speak. All must be on the same level of understanding. It is a day to trust in Him and rise to a new level.

It is a Day of Commitment! Once the vision has been received and communicated, it follows clearly that commitment is the next step. "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:5 and 4).

It is a Day of Commission! It is a time to move. It is a time to act. Faith without works is dead. The Commission is filled with promise. "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19).

This verse was written to people in hard times. However, these words were not written to every believer, but rather to the faithful Christians. Only faithful ones (faithful givers were the Philippians) can legitimately claim this promise.

The word *supply* here means to fill, to make full, to make up a deficiency, or to completely and totally supply. Here is the idea of being completely filled, packed full, overflowing, and spilling over.

The Lord is not promising the faithful Christian will just scrape by. It is not a promise of bare survival. Here is a promise of no need left. It is the idea of God baffling the mind. It is the overwhelming, marvelous provision of the Lord. Praise His Name!

The Lord is calling the church to a new level. He is calling out of a pool of faithfulness.

Pastor Michael Fletcher defines *faithful* as being able to improve the circumstances you have been handed. Those who are faithful may move to a new level by having passion, loyalty, biblical integrity, and diligence and by being a team player, being teachable, and being able to exhibit emotional intelligence, defined as relating well with others.

May the Lord's people do it. May they rise to a new level. The times call for it. The Lord provides for it. May the church do it!

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Hodges Chapel Happenings

As the year 2008 came to a close, we looked back at the year and saw how much God blessed our church last year.

To use her more! She has said many times she did not want the Lord to return and tell her she did not work enough in "His fields." Many others in the church caught her enthusiasm and worked to do more. When talking with some friends during the year, I would enthusiastically tell them we had planned and were currently working on. One responded one day, "Your church is always doing something!" I thought, what a great compliment for our church.

As we look through the 2008 church calendar of activities, you can quickly see our calendar was filled with activities for all age groups! The WM Easter egg sale was a huge success, and the Men's auction sale was a success even during the year's economic hardship. We reached out and did more for others – our food drive for the needy, the Christmas bags for the nursing home, the men's oyster roast for the men in the community, the Spring Fling for everyone, and the breakfast for our "Happy Hearts"!

Our youth were involved in a six-week Survivor Cho-Chow program during the summer, where they learned to work as a team to compete in various challenges. During the fall, the young people participated in the "Adventure in Missions" program. Each week the youth visited a foreign country, learned about that country, met the missionaries of that country, and ate food common to that country. The kids "flew" to Mexico, Italy, Japan, Australia, and Jamaica and ate foods like "jerked" chicken, scones, tacos, and spaghetti and dined at an authentic Japanese restaurant. The Lord truly answered our prayer for great stewardship.

Although membership growth and stewardship are wonderful, the church also prayed for spiritual growth for all. Miss Louise Smith has often prayed that God had wonderful things in store for our church and earnestly prayed for a "revival" within the church.

God's spirit has been present as we praised Him through singing, as Rev. Gurganus presented God's Word, as we prayed around the altar, and as we prayed for the healing and anointing of each other. When the choir gave its Christmas program, God's Spirit filled our sanctuary! Tears flowed down the cheeks of those in the choir as well as in the congregation. Many have declared it to be the greatest Christmas program ever! God answered our prayers again. How wonderful is our God!

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February 1

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February 8

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February 18

Rev. Tim Henry
February 26

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March 1

Rev. Marvin Rogers
March 6

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March 18

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March 24

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March 26

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Rev. Della Stewart
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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

That You May Know: Assurance of Salvation in 1 John

by Christopher Bass. Nashville: B and H Publishing Group. 240 pages.

The Christian life cannot be lived at its best unless it lives victoriously and triumphantly. Victory includes blessed assurance that a person is an heir of salvation grounded in the work of Christ, along with secondary and vital support in the lifestyle of the believer. Thomas Boston wrote, "The being in a state of grace makes a man's condition happy, safe, and sure; but the seeing, the knowing of himself to be in such a state, is that which renders his life sweet and comfortable." Some Christians possess sweet assurance of salvation, while others consider themselves saved and find themselves somewhat "happy and comfortable" when in reality they are not born again. Human-centered, subjective validations prove to be insufficient evidences. False assurance blinds and binds the nominal Christian. Therefore, it is imperative and crucial that all believers examine themselves whether they are in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Bass offers a scholarly treatment of the doctrine of assurance and perseverance based on years of research from a variety of sources and grounded in a careful study of the text of 1 John. The six chapters present a study that is "exegetically rigorous, theologically informed, and pastorally sensitive." As is the case with all Christian doctrine, disagreements exist in various theological camps. Examples of questions that need to be answered are (1) How is assurance of salvation established for the believer? (2) Faith justifies, but what justifies the "faith"? (3) Should the objective and subjective evidences be separated, or are both necessary for sufficient assurance? (4) Are both present assurance of present salvation and a present assurance of final salvation possible? (5) Are those who have faith bound to believe that they will not decline from the faith? (6) Is "blessed assurance" categorically a "blessed guess"? (7) Is salvation a "know so" or a "hope so" experience? (8) Is it possible to have objective knowledge without subjective enabling to perceive what God has objectively given us? (9) If salvation is certain and assurance possible, why warn Christians of the dangers of false teachers and false doctrine and strongly encourage them to persevere until the very end? (10) If assurance and perseverance are compatible, why should a Christian full of assurance strive to live without sin if eternal life is guaranteed in the first place? (11) If a person prays the sinner's prayer, does it matter how he lives? (12) Is it true that God's love is of such magnitude that even those who walk away from the faith have not the slightest chance of slipping from His hand?

In the dark hours of doubt and despair, what gives the true light producing a foretaste of glory divine? Later, while on the isle of Patmos, cut off from the outside world and from the fellowship with many Christians, the Apostle John knew of his link with the eternal God, which gave him an abundant measure of assurance, joy, and happiness. This dynamic, vital, spiritual certainty sustained him in the darkest of nights! Isn't it God's desire for all Christians to have the same experience as the great Apostle John? He knew, and he wanted other believers to know. That is why he wrote 1 John in the first place. Assurance is part and parcel of saving faith!

The thesis of the book is that "John grounds the assurance of eternal life on the solid foundation of the person and work of Jesus Christ (1:1 – 2:2; 4:9-10; 5:18) and demonstrates that the lifestyle of the believer serves as a vital corroborating support for such assurance." This means Jesus Christ saves and knows of the individual's salvation, thus allowing the believer to "know" (based on objective truth), while at the same time various "tests" are supplied to reassure the believer of his or her salvation. The author argues that John views the believer's assurance of eternal life as compatible with his ongoing need to persevere in righteous living because those who fail to persevere prove they do not have salvation.

There is little Wesleyan or Arminian influence in the study; therefore, it cannot be said to be a comprehensive treatment of the doctrines of assurance and perseverance. A survey of views fails to provide adequate treatment. The author contends he offers a study of 1 John and allows the text to speak for itself. However, it is obvious that certain interpretive bias exists, and therefore, as is the case with the majority of publications, the book should be read with an open mind and a "sharp eye."

In light of the current world crisis, authentic Christians deserve to have assurance and multitiered reassurances that when Jesus Christ returns, it will be a happy day for them. Confidence in Christ's finished work fortifies real faith, and the accessory assurances help tremendously as well. The words "Depart from Me, for I never knew you," should be a chilling reminder that a relationship with Jesus Christ requires more than a token of devotion or a pretense of faith. The author makes it abundantly clear that a "works righteousness" damns the soul and prevents the hypocrite from receiving the righteousness of God, much like the past experiences of the Pharisees in the days of Christ. Their empty religion inoculated them from the real thing. Their "illegitimate knowledge of God" kept them from the one true God. Seeming, spurious faith has no power to save!

Could it be that churches are filled with those living in darkness? What do "apathetic church involvement, tipping God rather than sacrificially giving to Him, youth Bible studies where sexual immorality and drug use runs rampant, and a divorce rate in our churches that keeps pace with society at large" tell us? Although the Laodicean spirit and "cheap grace" seem to prevail today, the Christian fundamentally grounded in the precious work of Jesus Christ is in fellowship with God, walks in the light, possesses the witness of the Spirit, and has truly passed over from death to life. This wonderful experience and assurance that comes straight from the pages of the Word of God also give beautiful rhyme and incontrovertible reason to the inexpressible joy that comes in knowing Jesus Christ. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."
(1 Corinthians 13:13)

Did you know Cupid, according to Roman mythology, was the son of Venus, goddess of love? In other tales, he appears as a mischievous boy who indiscriminately wounds both gods and humans with his arrows, thereby causing them to fall deeply in love. Now, many of you will remember when you met your "sweet thing," and Cupid's arrow gotcha! It seems like yesterday, doesn't it?

At this time of the year, "love is in the air." Roses and candy are often given to make our special someone feel really extraordinary.

Do you remember when you fell in love with the Lord? Do you remember the excitement and the zeal? I do! I remember rushing to an old fashioned altar and accepting Christ as my Lord and Savior. Today, I'm still in love with Him. I still want to share that "joy unspeakable" with others.

I encourage you in the days and weeks ahead to share God's love with someone new. Invite a neighbor or friend to your local WM meeting. Give her an opportunity to see Christ work through you. What a blessing!

We can change the world just by doing simple things out of love. I like this idea: leave a bouquet of flowers or a potted plant on a neighbor's front doorstep. Do it anonymously. Kindness is contagious; watch and see how this one act of kindness multiplies.

Remember, *"Together we will make a difference."* Let's shine in 2009!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Bag it – Fill old tissue boxes with your stash of plastic grocery bags; then pull out the bags one at a time as needed.
- Keep old shower curtains – never discard an old shower curtain. It makes a great drop cloth when you are painting and a perfect tablecloth when the kids are doing messy craft projects.
- Stop clothes from slipping off wire hangers by winding a couple of thick rubber bands around the hanger's ends.
- If a too-tight ring won't come off, rub hand lotion or baby oil over your finger and gently move the ring back and forth so that some of the lotion or oil gets underneath. Then gently slide it off.

NCWM RETREAT

"He Is All I Need"

Guest Speaker – Ann Downing

Date: March 20-21, 2009
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Embrace Today

March 8 is WM Day. The purpose is to spotlight ministries provided by women within local churches and give honor where honor is due. The WM Day program is available on the WM Web site. You can print the material free of charge.
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Fireproofing Our Marriages

Several months ago, I had the opportunity to see a movie called *Fireproof*. This was about a couple facing the almost certain end of their marriage. God was not present in their lives and therefore was not in their marriage.

The man took up the challenge to show love to his wife on a daily basis. As he began to study, he began to see that he was missing Jesus in his life. Once Jesus became his main focus, things in his marriage began to change.

In the reality of our lives today, we face many challenges. The world is so involved in our lives, it makes it easy to make mistakes. When couples face major crises in today's society, they are quick to throw up their hands, throw in the towel, and call it quits.

You can get a divorce today almost as quickly as you can get married.

God should be our source of everything that we do. Men, God has placed us as the head of our homes. It is our responsibility to see that everything we need in our families is of God. God has given a man a very special person to help him in his everyday living, and that is his wife. We are to appreciate our wives and love them with all our hearts.

We need to thank God that He loved us enough that He would give us such a lovely gift as this. Single men, you need to begin praying now that God will bless you with a perfect mate who can join with you to serve the Lord.

You see, when God is the center of your relationship, it will be good. You can stop the enemy from tearing down what God has given you by trusting in Him completely.

My marriage has not always been perfect, but from the time I allowed Jesus into my life to now, it has been good. Every day I love my wife more and more. I challenge each one of you to love on your wives and show them each day that they are the best.

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2008 is now in the past. Today we stand on the threshold of a new year and a new beginning. We cannot go back and undo the things of yesterday, but we can start right now making things better in our lives. It is a new year and a new beginning.

As Christians and believers in Christ, it is not about what we will do and won't do. It is not about New Year's resolutions that are made only to fail. It is about asking the Lord to help us each day to fall deeper and deeper in love with Him so that He will be our main focus, and our hearts and minds will be on the things of Heaven, not on the earthly stuff that causes distractions and worries.

It is very important this year that we establish godly priorities that will enhance the qualities of lives. We must all commit to praying earnestly in the beginning of this year that we may hear the voice of God and that He will guide us in seeing what He wants us to do with this bright and shining new year. How does He want us to use our time?

Deciding on priorities and objectives for the year has an important function in that it will cause us to take stock of the gifts and talents God has given us. Many people lament over gifts they don't have. God asks us to use the talents He has given us. Find your talent, as little as you think that it is, and use it. God will do the rest.

This year, resolve yourself to God and His way for you. Let each day be a new day and a new beginning. Seek God early in the day and then respond as He guides you. Search for ways to honor God by serving the people in your life and community. After all, honoring God is far more important than any of the standard New Year's resolutions, and openly confessing God is more important than anything else you will do.

If we will set our priorities to encourage one another, we will be a blessed people who will testify to the world that God is our hope, our joy, and our salvation. So let's celebrate a new year and a new beginning in our personal relationship with God.

Prayer of New Beginnings

God of new beginnings,
we are walking into mystery.

We face the future, not knowing
what the day and months will bring us
or how we will respond.

Be love in us as we journey.
May we welcome all who come our way.
Deepen our faith
to see all life through your eyes.
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust.
that you dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows.

Thank you for the treasure of our faith life.
Thank you for the gift of being able
to rise each day with the assurance of
your walking through the day with us.

God of our past and future,
We praise you.

Amen

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THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE

I recently came across an old book that caught my eye because of its attractive cover and pages. It was published in 1886 in London, England, and had successfully survived its use through the last 112 years. Of course, it may have sat on a shelf for many of those years!

The name of the book is *The Silence and the Voices of God With Other Sermons* by Frederic W. Farrar, D.D., F.R.S. In glancing through the pages of this long-forgotten book, I came across an illustration that impressed me, and I felt that you would be influenced by it also.

An imminent and good man told of an instance when he was small and had gone on a walk with his father. After walking out in the field for a while, the father sent the four-year-old back to the house. While on his way home, he came across a small pond and was drawn to its side by a brightly colored flower. He soon noticed a little turtle and lifted the stick in his hand to hit the turtle, not because he had a habit of killing animals, but he had seen other boys doing such things and was following their example.

All of a sudden, something checked his arm from hitting the turtle, and he heard within himself, "It is wrong!" He was surprised at the new emotion and ran home to tell his mother what had happened. He related the incident to his mother and asked what it was that told him that it was wrong. Being a wise and loving mother, she took him into her arms and told him, "Some men call it conscience, but I prefer to call it the voice of God in the soul of man. If you listen and obey it, then it will speak clearer and clearer, and always guide you right; but if you turn a deaf ear or disobey, then it will fade out, little by little, and leave you in the dark and without a guide. Your life depends on heeding that little voice!" (page 31 of the sermon titled "The Voice of Conscience")

It is so easy to be wrapped up in our Christian lives and take simple things for granted. Sometimes we tend to do things the way we have always done them and then realize too late that we left God out of our lives completely. Many times we get further and further away from God because we do not take the time to seek Him earnestly every moment of our lives. Therefore we need to be reminded of our need of our heavenly Father in every detail of our lives.

2 Peter 1:10 reads as follows: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." When God nudges us, through His precious Holy Spirit, we need to take that little nudge as a step forward to do all that God wants us to do in our lives. We serve a God who is always available to us at any call, and we need to prove to Him just how much we love Him. He is faithful to show His love to us even in little things.

Jesus is coming back for us before long, and we really need to consider every part of our lives, whether or not we are all that we could be for the Lord. It is so easy to use excuses for the reasons that we do not serve God fully, and therefore we never go anywhere in our relationship with God. Let us live this next year with a heart full of love for our Lord and Savior and seek to reach out to those who do not know Him. Remember, at one time we did not know Him, and we can not imagine life without Him!

THANKS!

The *Evangel* articles are written a month ahead so this is the first opportunity I have had to thank each of you for all of your special gifts and thoughtfulness at Christmas and all through the year. We love and appreciate you all, not just for your gifts, but for being our friends and just being there for us. We appreciate your prayers for us because we could not make it through each day without your prayers. We know we are doing what God has given us to do and that He will keep us, but we are dependent upon those prayers to keep us going. May God bless each of you with His love and peace in this New Year!

THE MINISTER AND SPOUSE RETREAT WILL BE HERE SOON

February 26–28, 2009, is the date of our Minister and Spouse Retreat for this year. We are anticipating an exciting time again this year with Presiding Bishop Leggett and First Lady Mrs. Faye as our speakers.

The Retreat will again be at the Kingston Plantation Resort in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The accommodations are very affordable, especially if two couples share a suite, which has two bedrooms and baths, kitchen, and living room area.

This Retreat is a highlight of the year for many of our Ministry Couples. It is an experience with which all of you need to be involved. Each year we hear some of the newer participants say that they are already looking forward to next year! Church Boards or even Women's Ministries groups need to consider sending their pastors and wives for this time of refreshing. Time is getting short, so call the Conference Office today.

May God bless, and our prayers are with you all!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

PASS IT ON

Deuteronomy 4:9 reads as follows: "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons...."

Sometimes in writing these articles for the *Evangel*, I feel that I may repeat myself in some of my thoughts. I cannot express to you the importance that I feel the Lord would have us put on preserving "His history" in our churches and in each of our lives.

Many people feel the past is not important to us because we live in a new world today, but God has always required, in His Word, that we remember! If you read from the front cover to the back cover of the Bible, you probably could not count the many instances of faithfulness, grace, and loving-kindnesses of our God.

The whole purpose of having an Archive for the North Carolina Conference, or better yet the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, is to protect and preserve those testimonies of God's goodness to His people throughout the ages. With the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church being within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference, it is that much more imperative for us to be the conference that sets the standard for the entire Pentecostal Holiness Church!

God, in His planning before the beginning of time, planned for me to take this responsibility and to pass it on to you, His servants and laborers. My prayer is that, through these articles, you will have seen that the lives of those who have come before us were a very important part of our relationship to the Lord and His people today. Many things that were achieved years ago in this conference have made a difference in all that has been accomplished even in the past few years! We are "standing on the shoulders" of those who came before us.

We need to remember all of the details of the first time the Holy Spirit spoke through someone in tongues in the Falcon Camp Meeting. The Holy Spirit directed every detail so there would be an overwhelming realization that this moment was ordained by God and that each person in attendance would know God was present in the power and grace of the precious Holy Spirit. What if those details were not written down? *We* would have missed the warmth of that moment in our own hearts and lives.

We need to remember men like Brother J. A. Culbreth, who, because of going to Brother A. B. Crumpler's tent meeting and really having an experience with God, "...did great exploits" (Daniel 11:32). Brother Culbreth was not a preacher but a layman who moved because God said to move, and because of his obedience and faithfulness, our Church is forever indebted.

There are so many instances of our lives and our churches that were influenced by the men and women who forged the principles and standards we live by today. As in the Scripture in Deuteronomy 4:9, "Lest we forget...," we need to remember and teach our sons and our sons' sons to fear and love the Lord in the way all of those who came before us did and to pass it on!

In closing, I wish for you to ask God anew to remind you of where you came from, in order that you might be more thankful and more diligent in passing on your story of how God blessed and protected you in your life. God deserves your testimony of His goodness and mercy. Tell everyone with whom you come in contact. You would be surprised at how God could use your testimony to help someone. He can place you in the life of someone who desperately needs an answer to his or her problem, and you could be holding it right within your hand. Pass it on!

SALE ITEMS

Your Archives Department still has several items for sale. We will always try to have these items available for sale, but we need for you to support us by buying these items to give us the extra monies to buy supplies and to take on special projects.

We have the Falcon Historical Afghans that sell for $50 each and have sketches of several of the historical buildings that have graced these grounds for many years. Many of these buildings are long gone, and this is a way of having a remembrance of their being a part of Falcon.

We have several of the prints and note cards of the noted and talented, North Carolina native pen-and-ink artist Jerry Miller. The prints include the Octagon Tabernacle, the 1926 J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, the old 1903 Falcon School and Camp Meeting Building, and a composite print of the four buildings. The note cards are of the Octagon Tabernacle, the 1926 J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, and the composite print of the four buildings. The prints sell for $25 each, and the note cards sell for $8 per box of 10 cards and envelopes. We also have a limited number of the wooden Octagon Tabernacle replicas that sell for $25.

Help us to keep buying materials to preserve our records, pictures, and books. There is much to be done, and it takes money. Archival safe materials cost a lot more than ordinary boxes and file folders. We also need to invest in another fireproof safe for our Ministers' Records and Conference Board Meeting Records. There is much to be done, but we need the materials to do a lot more than we already have.

Something that a church or an individual might consider doing is to give to the Archives Department monthly as an investment in the future of preserving our records for our children and our children's children. Pray and seek God for what you should do for our Archives Department.

May God bless until next time!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Buenas Noticias del Ministerio Hispano Conferencia de Carolina del Norte

"...Id por todo el mundo y predicad el evangelio a toda criatura." Marcos 16:15

Los resultados de la predicación del evangelio entre la comunidad hispana de Carolina del Norte en el año 2008.

10 Iglesias Empezadas en 2008

- Wilson
- Greenville
- Raleigh
- Fayetteville
- Suttontown
- Salemburg
- New Bern
- Nashville
- Jacksonville
- Pantego

Al Final del Año 2008

- 64 congregaciones empezadas en 2008
- Predicando el evangelio por medio de esas Iglesias en 57 ciudades y pueblos
- Tres distritos Hispanos: Norte, Sur y Este
- Una Junta Hispana con 8 miembros

Numero de Ministros Hispanos

- 29 Ministros ordenados
- 17 Ministros licenciados
- 37 Ministros de la iglesia Local
- Total de: 83 Ministtros

CREDENCIALES OTROGADAS EN 2008

- 3 Ministros ordenados
- 4 Ministros licenciados
- 11 Ministros de la iglesia Local

EVENTOS Y ENTRENAMIENTOS PARA LIDERES

- 4 INE primer nivel con una asistencia de 120 personas
- 2 INE Avanzado con una asistencia de mas de 30 personas y la primera graduación.
- 3 Escuelas de ministerio con una asistencia de mas de 100 cada una
- Cerca de 80 mujeres atendieron el evento de las Hijas de Débora
- Campamento Juvenil Hispano con una asistencia de 160 jóvenes
- Congreso hispano de Misiones con una asistencia de mas de 200 personas
- Convención Hispana con una asistencia de mas de 400 personas
- Primer retiro de hombres con una asistencia de mas de 120 hombres de aproximadamente 35 iglesias
- Muchos otros eventos hispanos con resultados bendecidos

Los Campos Todavia Esperan por Nosotros
"...alzad vuestros ojos y mirad los campos, porque ya están blancos para la siege." Juan 4:35

Todavia Hay Trabajo Que Hacer
"...Mi Padre hasta ahora trabaja, y yo trabajo." Juan 5:17

La Oportunidad Es Ahora
"Me es necesario hacer las obras del que me envió, entre tanto que el día dura; la noche viene, cuando nadie puede trabajar." Juan 9:4

Gracias

A todos los hermanos de la Conferencia de Carolina del Norte, reciban nuestra gratitud de parte de las Iglesias Hispanas, todos los ministros, la Junta Hispana y nuestras familias por su

apoyo, oraciones, paciencia y amor. También gracias a todos los líderes hispanos por su esfuerzo, trabajo, dedicación, sacrificio y amor por la obra del Señor.

Celebramos el pasado, nos regocijamos en el presente, pero proyectamos y visionamos el futuro. Estamos esperando cosas aun más grandes de Dios, pero haremos cosas aun más grandes para EL.

Good News of the Hispanic Ministry North Carolina Conference

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

The results of preaching the Gospel to the Hispanic people In North Carolina in 2008

10 Churches Started in 2008

- Wilson
- Greenville
- Raleigh
- Fayetteville
- Suttontown
- Salemburg
- New Bern
- Nashville
- Jacksonville
- Pantego

At the End of 2008

- 64 Hispanic congregations
- Preaching the gospel through these churches in 57 cities and towns.
- Three Hispanic districts: North, South and East
- The Hispanic Board with 8 members

Number of Hispanic Ministers

- 29 Ordained Ministers
- 17 Licensed Ministers
- 37 Local Church Ministers
- Total of: 83 Ministers

New Credentials Given in 2008

- 3 Ordained Ministers
- 4 Licensed Ministers
- 11 Local Church Ministers

Training Events for Leaders

- 4 INE First-level trainings with more than 120 people in attendance
- 2 INE Advance with more than 30 people in attendance and the first graduation from this level.
- 3 Schools of Ministry with more than 100 in attendance each
- About 80 Hispanic women in attendance in the Deborah's Daughters event
- Hispanic Youth Camp with 160 in attendance
- Hispanic Missions Congress with more than 200 in attendance
- Hispanic Convention with more than 400 in attendance
- First Hispanic Men's Ministries retreat with 130 in attendance from approximate 35 churches
- Many other events with great attendance

The Fields Still Wait for Us
"...Look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest..." (John 4:35).

There Is Still Work to Do
"My Father has been working until now, and I have been working" (John 5:17).

The Opportunity Is Now
"I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4).

Thank You

To all the brethren of the North Carolina Conference, receive our gratitude from all the Hispanic churches, all the ministers, the Hispanic Board, and all our families for your support, prayers, patience, and love. Also thank you to all the Hispanic leaders for your effort, work, dedication, sacrifice, and love for the work of the Lord.

We celebrate the past, we rejoice in the present, but also we project and envision the future. We are expecting greater things from God; we will do greater things for Him.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Still going strong at age 93!

Where Are They Now...?

Fred and Gaynelle Jones

Fred Jones was just 11 years old when he had his first encounter with the Lord. As children often do, he drifted away from the experience, but not away from the call. It was years later (1953) at the Kenly PH Church, under the ministry of Rev. Alva Watson, that Fred laid his life on the altar for God, and from that time on he never looked back. He wasted no time in getting a mission worker's license (1953) and local minister's license (1956) and was ordained in 1958.

Fred was born in Johnston County, attended Kenly High School, received his GED from Halifax Community College, attended trade school in Newport News, Virginia, and completed business seminars at UNC Chapel Hill. Other ministry preparation included Crusaders Bible Studies and the John Maxwell seminars. He was always hungry to learn and prepare himself to do a better job for the Lord.

In 1954, soon after giving his heart to the Lord, Fred married Miss Gaynelle Davis. Gaynelle has served by his side through all the years of their ministry and has been an excellent pastor's wife. She has not been content just to be his wife, but has been a major part of his ministry, serving the Lord in many capacities in their pastorates.

Fred and Gaynelle's pastoral ministry began in 1956 when they were assigned the Micro Church. From there they have pastored Grifton, Spring Hope, Lamms Grove, Vanceboro, Hopewell, and Harvest Temple (29 years) before their retirement in 1999. They moved back home to Kenly and pastored their home church for a year and then accepted the pastorate at Thompson Chapel Church near Wilson. They have been there eight years and counting. During their 52 years of ministry, Fred Jones has led his pastorates in building four churches, two parsonages, and two family life centers.

He and Gaynelle are the parents of three children – Stanley, Angela, and Timothy, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

They both realize they are not "spring chickens" and the years are creeping up on them. However, their health is good, and their intention is to "keep on keeping on" until the Lord comes or calls. Right now, they are busy doing God's will and leading the church they love...Thompson Chapel.

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT
MAY 4-6, 2009

MORE CHURCHES AND PASTORS ARE PARTICIPATING IN "ADOPT A RETIRED MINISTER FOR CHRISTMAS" PROGRAM

I am pleased to report many of our pastors and churches are embracing the "**Adopt (Honor) a Retired Minister for Christmas**" program. Jean and I are thrilled to learn of churches and pastors giving honor to a retired minister during the Christmas season. The North Carolina Conference is home to the largest group of retired ministers in our denomination, mainly due to the fact that we are the oldest and largest conference in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. We presently have 110 retired ministers and missionaries, plus their spouses, and 33 spouses of deceased retired ministers. This brings our total to approximately 250. What a beautiful and precious legacy!

The Retired Ministers Department began promoting the **Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas** program several years ago for the sole purpose of honoring our retired ministers. It is true, at every level of leadership, that once ministers are out of the general circulation of conference and church activities, they are quickly forgotten, regardless of the success achieved during their years of labor. If people don't see you actively participating or hear from you on a regular basis, you quickly fade from their memories.

During the past Christmas season, several pastors sent me notes or e-mails about their churches adopting or honoring a retired minister. Some churches honored these ministers by simply letting them know, without a lot of fanfare, that they are loved and appreciated. Other churches reached beyond the local church and blessed families with gracious love offerings. Some of our retired ministers received invitations to preach or attend a planned Christmas activity, where they were appreciated for their contributions to the kingdom of God and showered with praise for their witness through the years. Some of our retired saints, for various health reasons, are not permitted to accept an invitation to attend a church, so the church members visited their homes, sang hymns and carols, prayed, and presented them with nice, usable gifts.

Vernon & Eva Clark
"Adopted" by the Oak Ridge Church
Rev. & Mrs. Michael Couillard, Pastors

We sincerely thank every church and congregation that showed compassion and kindness to a retired minister this holiday season. Should Jesus tarry, another Christmas season will come our way. I'm reminded of the powerful concept from the best-seller, **Random Acts of Kindness**, *"Practice random kindness and senseless acts of beauty."* Let's remember our retired families and keep in mind that the beauty of simple kindness touches – *and changes* – us all. Happy New Year! —WTC

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

JAIL / PRISON REHABILITATION / RECOVERY HOMELESS / HUNGRY BIKER / MOTORCYCLE CLUB

MISSION:M25
MINISTRY OF HOPE

MINISTRY NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONFERENCE...

PASTORS, have you appointed a **local church point person** (**M25 Ministry coordinator**) for your church? When you do, please let Rev. Steve Enloe (conference point man) know who that person is.

ANNUAL NC CONFERENCE MISSION: M25 SUMMIT MEETING—*Saturday, April 25, 2009, 9:00am-12:00pm.* Meeting will take place at Culbreth Memorial PH Church in Falcon. Please help us to publicize this meeting in your local churches, and bring a group with you.

FAMILY LIFE TABERNACLE PH CHURCH – Greenville, NC / *Mr. Earl Haddock, point person.* Brother Haddock reports that in 2008, he attended biker rallies and other biker events in 10 states and rode over 12,000 miles! He led nine people to Christ. Every fifth Sunday, he updates the church concerning the ministry, and an offering is received which goes to the Mission: M25 ministry of the church.

MOUNT CARMEL PH CHURCH – Fayetteville, NC / *Mr. George Benton, point person.* Mount Carmel is involved in Rehabilitation/Recovery and Homeless/Hungry ministries. They offer Celebrate Recovery, which is a Christ-centered 12-step recovery program designed to treat addictions (alcohol, drugs, hurts, habits, hang-ups). The Samaria House Ministry of the church reaches out to the homeless and less fortunate in the Massey Hill area of Fayetteville. At this house (owned by the church), dinners and church services are offered. Household goods, clothing, food, and spiritual guidance are offered. The Ramsey Street Apartments Street Ministry also provides dinners and church services. During 2008, over 50 people were won to Christ, and 10 people have joined the church.

THE CAPITAL PH CHURCH – Garner, NC / *Ms. Janice Schoew, point person.* During 2008, ministry coworkers have assisted in the following ministries: Blue-Star Moms (honoring wives and mothers who have lost loved ones serving our country) … Raleigh Rescue Mission … Wake County Correctional Prison Ministry … USO at RDU Airport … Rolling Thunder Bikers … Patriot Guard Bikers … GOE Bikers … Prison Community Resource Council … Project Nehemiah Classes … Transition Aftercare Network (for inmates being released).

GRAHAM MEMORIAL PH CHURCH – Newport, NC / *Ms. Cherrill Goodwin, point person.* During 2008, ministry coworkers have worked in the following church ministries: Light House Ministry (Jail and Prison) … Hope Mission Outreach … Homebound Outreach (Nursing and Rest Homes) … Prayer Line Outreach … Greeting Card Outreach … Clothes Closet Outreach … Mill Creek and Adams Creek Prayer Outreach … New Creation Class … Military Outreach … Living Waters and Ladies Bible Studies. Approximately 50 people were won to Christ. One family of three has joined the church.

GREENVILLE FIRST PH CHURCH – Greenville, NC / *Mr. Ray Clark, point person.* The church has been involved in Nursing Home Ministries at Sterling House Assisted Living, Spring Arbor Assisted Living, and the Golden Years Nursing Home. Prison Ministry is conducted monthly. The group assists with Angel Tree, which provides Christmas gifts to the children of inmates and ministers to inmates' families. Free Camp was conducted during August with 26 campers. Ten campers were won to Christ. Shadow Man Biker Ministry was begun. Reality Evangelism was offered, which included ministry during emergencies (non-perishable foods, clothing, working with Police and Fire Departments). Reality Evangelism also includes ministry to the homeless, ministry to those suffering from addictions, and reaching prostitutes for Jesus Christ. Ministry includes making contact with people on the street and offering food, prayer, and Christian conversation.

We praise God for what He has done through the ministry of Mission: M25 in the North Carolina Conference! For more information on how you can be involved in M25, please contact Rev. Steve Enloe, the Conference point man (contact information listed below).

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Great Commission Meals 2009 – GLOBAL OUTREACH Kickoff

SPECIAL SPEAKERS

- *Dr. Doug Beacham, World Missions Ministries Director for the IPHC*
- *Rev. Steve Cofer, Director of Missionary Itineration, Global Outreach Promotion, and Coffee House Ministries for the IPHC*
- *Various Missionaries*

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Monday	March 2nd	12:00pm	Ernie's Restaurant *Dunn*
Monday	March 2nd	6:30pm	Wilson 1st PH *Wilson*
Tuesday	March 3rd	6:30pm	Pike's Crossroads PH *Pikeville*
Wednesday	March 4th	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	*Location TBA*
Thursday	March 5th	6:30pm	The Capital PH *Garner*
Monday	March 9h	12:00pm (Noon)	Grace Family Fellowship *Robersonville*
Monday	March 9th	6:30pm	Living Faith Fellowship PH *Rocky Mount*
Tuesday	March 10th	6:30pm	Wallace PH *Wallace*

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Wednesday	March 11th	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	Cafeteria/Training Center *Falcon*
Thursday	March 12th	6:30pm	Mount Carmel PH *Fayetteville*
Friday	March 13th	6:30pm	New Covenant PH *New Bern*
Saturday	March 14th	6:30pm	Chadbourn PH *Chadbourn*
Monday	March 16th	6:30pm	Saint Paul PH *Greenville*
Tuesday	March 17th	6:30pm	Smyrna PH *Smyrna*
Wednesday	March 18th	7:00pm (*Hispanic*)	*Location TBA*

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR FROM OUR IPHC MINISTRY LEADERS and OUR MISSIONARIES! CALL THE CONFERENCE OFFICE ***TODAY*** TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT ONE OF THESE EVENTS!

PRAISE GOD FOR AN AWESOME YEAR FOR OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING!!

FINAL TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE FOR 2008:

$290,676.58

Thank you, Pastors and Churches, for your personal giving and for your promotion and support for Global Outreach!

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
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Twenty-One Words to Live By in 2009

by Rev. Jon S. Oliver, NC CEM Director

Each year, time seems to speed up and pass by faster and faster. I can hardly believe that it's already February!

2008 was a powerful and effective year in our conference's CEM. I have heard many of you testify about God's moving and working in your churches and also moving on your behalf. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians (1:3), "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." As we move further into 2009, let me share some of the great ways that God has moved in CEM in 2008.

- The CEM Convention in March was a tremendous time of information sharing and education from Jim Wideman.
- Talent Quest was an unbelievable time of seeing our young people minister in creative and powerful ways. We had many young people participate whose churches either had not participated in many years or whose churches had never participated at all. This gave these students a chance to hone their skills and prepare for their present and future ministries!
- Bible Quest gave many of our students an opportunity to grow and deepen their knowledge of God's Word. We saw this program grow a little bit this year, and we believe that God is continuing to bless this program!
- At this year's Falcon Youth Camp, we saw over 900 young people during 5 camps grow and be challenged in their relationships with Jesus Christ.
- This year, we had our second Powwow at our own beautiful Camp Freedom. It was a great time of fun, but more importantly, it was a time of restoration and healing for our young boys. They were challenged to listen to what God says about them.
- In September, we had over 350 teenagers and leaders at Fresh Fire with the goal of being ignited for the cause of Christ. We had more than 40 teenagers who received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues for the first time! Dozens of others received Christ as their Savior, rededicated their lives to Christ, or received special prayer for healing or needs in their lives. It was a transforming experience for many of our conference youth and leaders!
- In November, our conference Primetimers took part in the inaugural National Senior Adults Ministry Conference in Branson, Missouri.
- We capped 2008 with over 200 present at our New Year's Eve Lock-In. We had approximately 20 students receive Christ or rededicate their lives to Him.

What a great God we serve, that He would pour out on us so abundantly in a time when the secular world tries to tell us that we are impoverished! We thank God for each of you and pray God's richest blessings upon you in this year! We seek to remain a useful and relevant ministry resource. We want to see God work in miraculous ways in the lives of people, and we want to be a part of that. We want you to call on us any time that we can be a help to you. That's why we're here!

As we move forward into 2009, let me share with you what I believe will be a blessing and a help to you. The past year is now history. Now, it is time to make history in 2009. As difficult as things may seem, here are 21 words to live by in 2009: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

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SIMON ANSWERED, "MASTER, WE'VE WORKED HARD ALL NIGHT AND HAVEN'T CAUGHT ANYTHING. BUT BECAUSE YOU SAY SO, I WILL LET DOWN THE NETS."

-JOHN 15:9 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

The Mind and Heart Ready for 2009

Recently in my devotion and meditation time I was further discussing with the Lord my approach to the challenges of the year 2009. There are the challenges of recession, a decreasing of moral values, job losses, greater ministry doors, ethnic issues, and more people who need the gospel – to mention a few. I began to ask the Lord what the frame of my mind and the motivation of my heart should be. He had already told me to walk in "confidence" and to speak opportunity, not crisis.

The answers of the Lord were swift and specific. It is not just a mental assent. It is heart action. With Christians, ultimately the problems are not intellectual but moral. The impact of the gospel has not been its inability to provide answers, but rather, the failure on Christians' part to live it out. The Scriptures do not divorce the message from the messenger. Christians are called upon to give answers, yes. However, in a greater way they are called upon to be answer bearers. They are asked to respond with gentle hands and swift feet rather than with words alone.

The Lord is asking His children to think right and to act accordingly. The filters of the Christian's mind must be biblically based. Afterwards there must be corresponding action.

Four words frame the paradigm for 2009. The first word is *opportunity*. This is the day to soar. The second word is *release*. The Lord desires to shower His church and energize His church with blessing. The third word is *harvest*. The Lord desires to bless His church with souls. The fourth word is *change*. All that will happen will be in the context and culture of change. It is a new world that Christians live in, but the biblical message remains the same.

Three passages of Scripture can be used to direct the minds and hearts of leaders for 2009. These passages of Scripture reveal three models to show us the way. They are Jesus, Our Lord – Luke 4:16-19; Paul – 1 Corinthians 2:2, 9; and Peter – Acts 10.

Space does not allow the printing of the Scriptures here. Here is the context. In the first, Jesus is beginning His earthly ministry. He is in the synagogue of Nazareth. Paul is beginning his ministry in Corinth. He will be there for 1½ years. Peter is on the verge of a major ministry shift. He is in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, in Caesarea.

The basis of the models is different, but there are many similarities and common points – at least ten come to mind. I will review these a little later.

Jesus is in the established synagogue where he grew up. The synagogue is very traditional. Ultimately members of this Jewish synagogue will try to take Jesus' life. They did not respond well to his ministry.

Paul is in the commercial center of Greece, Corinth. It is a city of 200,000 citizens and 500,000 slaves. The temple of Aphrodite has 1,000 female prostitutes. It is a very wicked city. Paul is cast out of the synagogue. He begins a church plant next door to the synagogue; He will minister for 1½ years. He will make tents for his livelihood. This context is crucial in understanding the Scripture given.

Peter is at the house of Cornelius – the Gentile centurion. He was drawn there by the Holy Spirit. Over 18 years have elapsed since the Day of Pentecost. He will experience miracles as he sees the work of the Lord. In his preaching he will present one of the better descriptions of the gospel found in the New Testament.

Here are the common points of interest in the three passages given. These common points relate directly to 2009.

All three models were *mission oriented*. Each was walking in strict obedience to the Spirit's plan and direction. He had a job to do.

Each was focused and grounded in the *biblical Word*. The revealed word of God was their foundation and guide. They were flexible to the Spirit's direction and method of delivery but were grounded in and knowledgeable of the Word.

As already mentioned, each model was in touch with the *Spirit's leadership*. Each positioned himself and sought the Lord's guidance.

Other people were the focus and end result of ministry. Even other cultures were sought out. Economic diversity was allowed. The gospel was seen as being for all people.

Opposition was present. It seemed to come first from those who should be most supportive. Yet with the opposition came the Spirit's deliverance.

Leadership was important. Each of the models was a leader. God always works through leadership. Note that this is not necessarily leadership chosen by men, but leaders as chosen by His Spirit. Each of the leaders had others who would be called alongside to help.

The *context of worship* was important in each situation. Jesus and Paul both were in the established churches. Worship was important to each of the models. In the context of worship the Spirit performed His miracles.

In each situation there was the *tension between the old and new*. This will always be true in a context of change. What is important is the end result. Is God's will realized? The focus is not to crucify the old or to seek to be rebellious. The hope and focus are to get the job done for the Lord.

In each example there is a powerful sense of *expectation*. Those in touch were expecting something special from the Lord. He delivered.

In every model, new doors of ministry opened. This is true of every move of God.

May the Lord "do it again" in 2009. His will be done!

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Invitation From New Destiny

We at New Destiny Church would like to extend an invitation for you to come and fellowship with us. We will be hosting author and speaker Dr. Frank G. Tunstall. Dr. Tunstall will be sharing two evenings of special teachings with us about his new book *Our Awesome Lord*, as well as a book signing at a local Christian bookstore in Greenville.

- Teaching sessions with Dr. Tunstall will be held on the New Destiny Campus in the main sanctuary:
  * Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m.
  * Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Book signing will be held at The Rock Christian Book Store, 629 Red Banks Road, Greenville.
- Time and date for signing will be Thursday, April 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Preregistrations for the teaching sessions are being accepted at New Destiny. Call to register at 252-756-8822.
- A free 106-page study guide will be given to the first 25 non-New Destiny members who preregister.
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In His service,

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Deborah's Daughters Training Seminar

APRIL 25, 2009

All lady clergy and their spouses are invited to attend the Deborah's Daughters Training Seminar scheduled for April 25 in Falcon. Keynote speakers will include Rev. Rose Boyd and Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa. Bishop Chris Thompson will conduct a separate workshop for the spouses. The seminar theme is "Called to Ministry, Feeding the Holy Fire." Additional sessions will be conducted by Wendy Hughes, Rev. Lisa Edwards, and Rev. Louise Thompson on subjects pertaining to ministry outside the pulpit.

Preregistration is requested by April 9, 2009. For additional information, please contact Rev. Janice Marshburn, Deborah's Daughters director, at 910-324-4388.

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Book Reviews

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Heirs With Christ: The Puritans on Adoption

by Joel R. Beeke. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books. 134 pages

The Fatherhood of God requires careful exegetical and hermeneutical skill to define and describe the Scriptural teaching of God as our Father. Of late, some advocate a universalism that claims all are God's children, brothers and sisters in the worldwide family of God. The Bible argues otherwise. It presents the existence of two families: the children of God and the children of the devil. Christians can take great comfort that they have a heavenly Father. Our Father is not only God but also a personal father. He is no ordinary father.

If today's church would make a diligent effort to do a serious study of God, it would go a long way toward helping itself stay right with God, for it is likely that idolatry plagues the church more than any other sin. Wrong thinking about God leads to idolatry. A wrong concept of God permeates many areas of our lives, more than we can imagine. It goes without saying it is imperative that Christians return to the fundamentals of the Godhead.

It mattered greatly to the Lord Jesus that His Father acted on His behalf throughout His earthly life. Without the Father, Jesus could not have spoken the Word or performed the miraculous works. He went about doing the business of the Father. The red-letter words in the New Testament are not the words of Christ per se, but the words of the Father. The miracles He performed were the works of the Father. The secret of His being and ministry was the Father.

The spiritual inheritance we enjoy today comes as a result of the revelation of the Father through Jesus Christ, who also revealed on one occasion His inner feelings as He rejoiced in His spirit that the Father had hidden the truth from the wise and learned and revealed it to babes. Only God knows God, and as God, Christ revealed His Father to believers. The power of the new age had broken through in the ministry of Jesus, and His followers rejoiced on too large a scale prematurely in the great power over demons and the ability to walk on serpents. The greatest truth was not the temporary power over demons, snakes, and poison, but the eternal reality of their names written in heaven.

Pondering the blessed reality of one's name registered in "the city and kingdom of God" ought at least on occasions to spark ecstasy and unspeakable rejoicing, "to begin the work of angels here." The myriad of implications staggers the mind. However, one great reality that stands out is "adoption." In the first century A.D., adoption possessed a greater meaning in that the adoptive father adopted a child to perpetuate his name and inherit his estate. Our heavenly Father not only offers His paternity but also His riches to all of His adopted children.

The Puritans proved themselves to be great thinkers concerning "adoption," including what they considered adoption *not* to be. For example, the adopted child retains the nature of the biological parents and does not assume the nature of the adoptive parents; therefore, adoption is not regeneration since, by God's amazing grace, the Father gives us not only status and privileges as sons and daughters, but also a new nature within us. In addition, adoption is not synonymous with justification since adoption is a richer blessing, taking us from the courtroom into the family. Justification sees God as a judge; adoption, as a father.

If the reader will pardon my pressing the point, adoption is not sanctification because sanctification is living out of our "filial relationship with God, into which the gospel brings us." Adoption is punctiliar, while sanctification combines punctiliar and linear. It is a matter of being a good son out of an ever-growing love of the holy Father, "as distinct from a prodigal or black sheep in the royal family." No Christian must stand in the shadows when the whole family of God gathers to worship and adore the three Persons of the Godhead.

Dr. Beeke includes 13 chapters suitable for a careful and somewhat cautious study. A Christian should want to know what the Bible teaches about adoption and rejoice in God's truth. What the Puritans really said about adoption should augment the search and study. The teaching of adoption comforts the mind and soul and transforms. Our identity as sons and daughters of God and joint-heirs with Christ fortifies our faith. In *Heirs With Christ*, the reader will discover a small mine of sparkling treasures and gems worthy of the dig. As Thomas Watson, one of the great Puritans, wrote, "We have enough in us to move God to correct us, but nothing to move him to adopt us; therefore exalt free grace; begin the work of angels here; bless him with your praises who hath blessed you in making you his sons and daughters." No man-made market meltdown can steal and squander the heavenly riches and rewards of God's children. In the world of cold hearts and steel and computers, what is more beautiful than "Abba, Father"? He hears the cries, the prayers, and the worship tones of his children encouraging us to walk in the Spirit and in His Word faithfully and triumphantly until the stars fall. Happy Reading!

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

Jesus spoke the words recorded in this verse after telling His followers the message of redemption must be preached from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that I would have the privilege of being such a witness. But we are serving an awesome God! Not only did He open the door; He provided and equipped us for our trip to Africa in January.

The women of Zambia were so receptive to our training. Linda Thomas and I did training for Women's Ministries leadership. We had approximately 30 women who participated. One director shared that she had traveled 14 hours to be with us. They were such a joy, and they made us feel so special. Words cannot describe how they blessed us.

Zambia is divided into six conferences, and all the conference directors were with us. They wanted to know all about Women's Ministries and how to encourage their women. Every Pentecostal church in Zambia has a Women's Ministries. The pastors shared with us that it is a "must" to have Women's Ministries. We are planning to have a presentation from our trip and information on the "Sewing Machine Project" at the WM Retreat on March 20 and 21 in Falcon. I hope you will make plans to be with us.

Remember, *"Together we will make a difference."* Let's shine in 2009!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Zambia Women's Ministries Conference Directors

Zambia Women's Ministries receiving certificates

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- Mark ring-around-the-collar stains heavily with chalk before washing. The dust helps absorb the oils, making the stain easier to clean.
- Steady a screwdriver. Rub chalk over the handle of a screwdriver to prevent slipping.
- Soap slivers – Put them in the toolbox and use to lubricate screws or drawers that are sticking.
- Empty suitcase – Use to store wrapping and tissue paper, ribbons, bows, and bags. Not only does it keep them uncrumpled and dust-free, but it can easily be moved.

Wilmington District Director

Mrs. Jackie Thompson has agreed to serve as our Wilmington District director. Jackie is very active in the Sneads Ferry P.H. Church and has served before as district director. We are excited to have her as part of our NCWM team. She can be reached by calling 910-389-1516. Her address is 114 Everett Land, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460.

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Help in the Time of Need

Bridging Our Ministries III was held in Asheville, North Carolina, at the Ridgecrest Resort. What a great summit we had in this beautiful place! The Royal Rangers and the Men's Ministries were well represented.

Opening the summit on Thursday night, W. A. Mills challenged us to be leaders of men and role models for boys. Bishop Leggett closed the training by charging each one to return to his home and be what God had called him to be.

Each year at some point in the summit, the Silver Eagle Banquet is held to recognize men for their roles in the ministry. This year, the Royal Rangers presented the Bill Linn Award for outstanding leadership to Presiding Bishop James D. Leggett.

The Men's Ministries was pleased to present the Jack Kelley Award for outstanding leadership to our own Gordon Knox. Congratulations, Gordon! Well done!

Gordon is the DRUSA coordinator for the NC Conference. He is "the man on the run"! Gordon leads trips to different parts of the country where disasters have struck to help rebuild homes that have been destroyed.

Anointed by God for this job, Gordon can do so much with so little. Thanks to him, the NC Conference has a DRUSA trailer 8 feet by 20 feet, set up with all kinds of tools that he carries with him on the road.

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf coast, it just about wiped out everything that was in its path. As soon as a headquarters was established at the New Horizon PH Church in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Gordon began to organize his first team. Gordon and several men from our conference have made 23 rebuilding trips to Mississippi. This is 16 hours of travel one way.

During these visits, not only did they accomplish the rebuilding of homes, but lives were changed too. True to the mission of Men's Ministries, these men were responsible for many people giving their hearts and lives to Jesus.

Again, Gordon, the NC Conference, the NC Men's Ministries board, the people of the NC Conference, and I say, "Thank you!" for your outstanding leadership in this area.

As you know, it seems natural disasters are increasing across the United States. Many communities are in need of our help *right now*.

Pastors, we need your help. Please encourage your church to put together a team for disaster relief or encourage men to volunteer for a conference team. For more information, please contact one of us:

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Even as this is written, hurting people are waiting for help. Thank you for becoming a part of this vital ministry. May God bless.

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Drawing Close to God

As believers we should want to draw nearer to our Creator. Sometimes because of distraction, crisis, doubt, unbelief, and life in general, we find it hard. I have been practicing the art of drawing near since I became a believer and have found some things that are very helpful.

Practice the art of truly desiring and wanting God's presence.

- *Desire* means *wanting*, *longing*, *craving*, *yearning*, *need*, and *aspiration*.

Just ponder and think about the life of a man who spent his whole life in prayer, like George Müller. People said that when he entered a room, there would be a hush, and the presence of God would be on him. From this we know that drawing close to God brings a manifested presence to which others would attest.

The Word tells us:

- "(for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw nigh unto God" (Heb. 7:19).
- "Wherefore also he is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

Wanting God's presence is an intentional act on our part to draw closer.

Christ has brought us closer to God; our part is to seek and abide daily.

When we draw closer to God, we are blessed, strengthened, and empowered, and God's presence becomes evident to others. As it costs us nothing to enjoy the sun and moon, which take care of shining all along, God has given it to us. It does its work and function. God has made this provision for us. He has also made available to us the same provision of His Holy Spirit and presence.

Acknowledge the spiritual climate or atmosphere.

- *Acknowledge* means *to admit*, *recognize*, *allow*, *accept*, *concede*, and *grant*.
- *Climate* means *environment*.
- *Atmosphere* means *impression*, *feeling*, *mood*, and *surroundings*.

Have the things you've participated in, the places you've been, and the people you've been with helped to add to or subtract from a godly spiritual climate?

Are your thoughts and words adding to or subtracting from a godly climate or atmosphere?

The Word tells us:

- "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding" (Prov. 3:5).
- "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).
- "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways" (Psa. 119:15).
- "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do" (1 Thess. 5:11).

Admitting to what we are doing right or wrong will cause us to draw closer to God and His presence.

Enjoy life and the state of life.

- *State* means the *condition*, *situation*, *position*, *status*, *circumstance*, and *shape*.
- *Life* means *existence*, *being*, *time*, *days*, and *years*.

David enjoyed facing life because he was sure that God was with him (His presence).

"And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but **I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will **the LORD deliver thee into mine hand**; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; **that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands**."

- Our drawing close to God should be as normal as breathing, as a heartbeat, as one day following another.
- Our drawing closer to God brings us back to our original state and place with our Creator.

Gen 1:27: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

So near, so near to God,
More near I cannot be,
For in the person of His Son
I am as near as He.
—Andrew Murray

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I Have Prayed for You

The Gospel of Luke records many of our Lord's assurances to us as we live in this world. Luke 22:31, 32 reads as follows: "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."

So many people place ministers, their wives, and others in ministry up on a pedestal as being almost superhuman. But I am here to tell you that we are not superhuman. We need Him just as much as or more than any other human being on this earth. When God calls us to perform a service for Him, He gives us the strength, wisdom, and understanding in order to get the job done. We could never do His work without His help. Many times we meet opposition from Satan and his emissaries, but God never leaves us. He is with us and will help us to do His will.

The above scripture states that He has prayed for us. What greater reassurance of His love and concern for us could we receive? Satan is determined to sift us, but Jesus is ever on the scene and interceding for us with the Father. We can feel that the situation is hopeless and that there is no way out, but His precious Holy Spirit is with us and can give us a "...peace that passes all understanding [that will] keep [our] hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:7).

Why should we worry or fret? We have the God of the Universe, the Maker of all mankind in control of the whole situation. One fact that keeps me going is that He knew us as we were in our mothers' wombs (Psalm 139:13). Even as we were in our mothers' wombs, He had a plan for each of our lives, and all we have to do is just trust Him to guide us through this marvelous life He has given us to live .

Jesus' suffering on the cross overwhelmingly proved His love for us. We are valued above the sparrows and the lilies of the field, and the fact that a Man would lay down His life for us is hard for us to conceive. But God is still on the throne and will keep us; we just need to trust Him with our lives.

The last part of the scripture tells us we are to strengthen others. Others need to be our priority in this life. Many people are losing the battle every day, but let us be an instrument in the Master's hand and reach out to everyone around us. Let us remind them of the love, grace, and peace He gives.

"O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and my uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways" (Psalm 139:1-3).

Our prayer is that God will bless you and keep you in all situations. When things come, know that God is with you. He cares for you even when you are discouraged or down and do not know how to pray. God puts you on our hearts and those that are close to you, and we earnestly pray for you.

He sees you, He hears you, and He holds you in His hand. He cares for you and everything that touches your life; He is in control. 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 says, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Be encouraged and know that He is praying for you to the Father, and we are too. May God bless.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

We Are the Keepers of Our Legacy

If you were home on January 20, 2009, no doubt you caught some of the Inaugural Address of President Obama. I didn't hear all of his speech, but I'm sure God intended for me to catch the words that are in the title of this article, "We Are the Keepers of Our Legacy." These seven words jumped out at me and made me realize anew that we are the ones responsible for not only the legacy we create with our lives, but also the legacy of our forefathers who came before us.

Sometimes as I sit and think of my life with my family before I was married and left home, I am reminded of things that my mom or dad did or said in different situations. They were good people even though they did not go to church or accept the Lord as their Savior until a lot later. I am reminded that they were two people God used to help many others who could not help themselves. My parents lived from paycheck to paycheck and never really had anything of earthly value, but they would give help to those they could. The phrase "they would give you the shirt off their backs if needed" would apply to them.

While being reminded of the legacy of my parents, I pray that God can use me in some of the same ways my parents were used. Our boys at times will do things that make us proud they are our sons, and I know the giving legacy is passed on. Also, as a grandmother, I notice little things our precious granddaughter says and does, and know that this legacy is passed on. I know there are many qualities that have come from all sides of the family, and I just cannot help but praise the Lord for His presence in our lives.

Brother Jon Oliver, our CEM director for the conference, made a statement I believe is true. He said, "The way to *leave* a legacy is to *live* a legacy. We must live our lives to the fullest for the Lord and reach out to others in so doing. Life is not worth all of the complaining and faultfinding that sometimes distract us from feeling the way we should in service for the Lord.

A legacy can be a way of living one's life or even physical property that is passed down from generation to generation. Our Archives here at the Conference offices are to organize, house, protect, and preserve those things of our church's history that are our legacy. These items give us an insight into the lives and times of our church pioneers and their relationship with the Lord.

As has been stated in these articles many times before, the Archives consist of the stories of men and women who have seen God move in miraculous ways. Many of our forefathers have come and gone, and we do not have any information in our files on these people. They sacrificed and went through the hard days of the formation of this church, and we owe them the recognition they so deserve.

If you have any information or pictures of any of our ministers, members of our churches, or anything dealing with the history of our church, please let me know. I can make copies or accept your items into the Archives and protect and preserve them for anyone to come and find out about the lives of those who have come before us.

If you have memories of a special pastor and his wife, please write these down and send us a copy. There are many of our ministers from the past about whom I do not have any information, and I would love to know them and their relationship to God and His people. Anything would be appreciated.

2009 Archives Training a Success

Dr. Vinson Synan came to Falcon on Saturday, January 24, 2009, and presented the history of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He outdid himself with his presentation, and those who came were just raving about how they enjoyed this meeting. The question-and-answer period was enjoyed by all who attended. If you were not here, you missed so much. Dr. Synan is well known throughout the church world as one of the premier church historians of our century. We as a denomination owe so much to Dr. Synan for the work he has done to preserve our history and our Articles of Faith. Hats off to Dr. Synan!

Of course, I do not know who will be coming next year for our training, but do plan now to come. You will not regret the blessing you receive from gleaning from such men as Dr. Synan.

Did You Know?

Did you know that in the first three Falcon camp meetings, the campers stayed in pup tents that were used in the Spanish-American War, and then in 1903, two long buildings, with ten rooms each facing each other, were used for campers. Sometime in the 1920s, the three-story Ark was built for campers.

In each of these accommodations, campers were asked to bring their bedding, washbasins, and other things needed to stay for several days. A bedding of straw was furnished for each of the places of rest, and then a restaurant was available for them to acquire their meals. Oh how we have changed!

Until next time… Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Una Iglesia Con Una Historia Maravillosa

Fue en mes de Julio de 1997 que vinieron los pastores Fernando y Mary Angulo con sus preciosas hijas desde el país de Costa Rica a Dunn, North Carolina para plantar la iglesia Hispana usando las instalaciones de la iglesia Gospel Tabernacle. Desde ese entonces empezaron los trabajos de evangelización, contactos, visitas, servicios y eventos que fueron desarrollando la iglesia hasta llegar a ser hoy una iglesia numerosa y de mucha bendición para la comunidad en general.

En agosto de 1997, esta iglesia empezó apenas con la familia pastoral y dos personas más, pero ya para el año siguiente tenían 20 miembros. Los pastores Rev. King and Janice White fueron los aportadores de la visión y quienes por medio de la iglesia Gospel Tabernacle apoyaron a la familia pastoral y todo el trabajo de establecimiento y crecimiento de la iglesia hispana. Después de un tiempo, los pastores Rev. Ron and Sharon Wootten vinieron para tomar la dirección de la iglesia americana, pero también continuaron dando su apoyo incondicional a la iglesia hispana que seguía creciendo dentro de sus instalaciones. Años más tarde llegaron los pastores Rev. Ken and Nancy Milliken a la iglesia americana, al mismo tiempo que los pastores Angulo y la congregación Hispana siguieron su marcha de crecimiento.

Para el mes de Julio del 2006, los hermanos de la iglesia Hispana con sus pastores Angulo dieron un paso significativo de fe al comprar una propiedad de 15 acres sobre la caterreta 55, rumbo a Coats. Esto animó mucho a la congregación hispana para decidir orar y visualizar el proyecto futuro de la construcción de su propio templo.

En mayo del año 2008, la congregación empezó su gran visión y proyecto al construir su propio templo con capacidad para 250 personas y el cual fue terminado e inaugurado en el mes de octubre del mismo año. En la actualidad la iglesia cuenta con más de 150 miembros y poseen el hermoso templo el cual tiene un valor de $ 975,000.

La visión no ha terminado con la construcción del templo, los pastores Angulo junto con la congregación tienen proyectos ambiciosos en el reino de Dios. Están planeando para el futuro una área multideportiva, cabañas para retiros y posteriormente un nuevo santuario con capacidad para 500 personas.

Esta historia sirve para animar a otros pastores y congregaciones, mostrando lo que se puede hacer con buen trabajo, dedicación, fe y visión. Los hermanos Angulo y su congregación empezaron de nada y con casi nada, actuando por fe, hoy son una congregación bendecida y que sigue trabajando para alcanzar no solo a la comunidad alrededor, sino también otras varias ciudades.

Felicitamos a los pastores Angulo y su congregación por su visión, fe y valor en creer a Dios y contar con ese hermoso templo y una congregación maravillosa.

A continuación les presentamos algunas fotos de la congregación.

A Church With a Wonderful Story

It was in July 1997 that the ministers Fernando Angulo and his wife, Mary Olivares, with their beautiful daughters, came from the country of Costa Rica to Dunn, North Carolina, with the purpose to plant a Hispanic church using the facilities of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn. Since then, they began the evangelistic work, making contacts, doing visits, and having the services and others events that were developing the church that today has become a large Hispanic congregation and great blessing to the community in general.

In August 1997, this church began with just the pastoral family and two other people; by the next year this church had 20 members. Pastors Rev. King and Janice White were the ones who generated the vision and, through the Gospel Tabernacle Church, supported the pastoral family and all the work to establish and grow the Hispanic church. After a time, pastors Rev. Ron and Sharon Wooten came to lead the Anglo congregation, but at the same time they continued to give their unconditional support to the Hispanic church that continued to grow within their facilities. Years later, Rev. Ken and Nancy Milliken came to take direction of the Anglo church, and at the same time, pastors Fernando and Mary kept going in the progress and growth of the Hispanic congregation.

By July 2006, the people from the Hispanic church, along with their pastors Angulo, took a significant step of faith

by purchasing a 15-acre property on Hwy 55 toward Coats. This decision encouraged the Hispanic congregation to decide to pray and visualize the future of building their own temple.

In May 2008, the congregation began their great vision and project to build their own temple with a capacity of 250 people, which was completed and opened in October of the same year. Currently the church has over 150 members, and they are enjoying their beautiful temple, which has a value of $ 975,000.

The vision has not finished yet or stopped with this first building; together with their pastors Angulo, the congregation has several great projects for the kingdom of God. They are planning for the future a multisport area, retreat cabins, and then a new sanctuary with a capacity of 500 people.

This history helps to encourage many pastors and congregations, showing what can be accomplished with good work, dedication, faith, and vision. Rev. Angulo and his family, along with his congregation, started from zero people, but acting by faith, today they are a blessed congregation that continues working not only to reach the people around them, but many other cities.

We congratulate Rev. Angulo and his congregation for their vision, faith, and belief in God for miracles and for having the beautiful temple and a wonderful congregation.

Following are some of the pictures of these pastors and congregation.

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1. ***Pastors who began this vision: Rev. King and Janice White Rev. Fernando and Mary Angulo***

2. ***One of the Hispanic church services at Gospel Tabernacle***

3. ***Their new sanctuary***

4. ***The Hispanic congregation***

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Enjoying 58 years of marriage!

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Jimmy Cole and Lorena Williams

The Williams name was first listed on the books of our conference in 1908, and since then there have been 14 or more members of that family who have been called of God to preach the Gospel. Jimmy Cole Williams is one of them.

Jimmy was 13 years old when God saved him, and by age 15 he was preaching and has continued doing so until this present day. He received a mission worker's license in 1951.

At age 17 he met and fell in "love at first sight" with Lorena. However, they did not date or go together until she was saved in early 1952. Later that same year they were married in the Hodges Chapel Church. Jimmy was licensed and ordained by the conference in 1960 and 1964, respectively.

Jimmy decided to beat the draft by joining the Army in 1953 and was all set to leave. He had passed his physical and was saying good-bye to his family when God spoke to him through a family member that it was God's will for him to change his plans... "God needed him to stay home and preach."

Their first pastoral assignment was Black Creek in 1961. From that time until the present, they have been active in the work of the Lord for more than 47 years. They are presently serving at Rehoboth Church, a church they pastored on two previous assignments.

Jimmy and Lorena have had a rich and fruitful ministry. They led their churches in both spiritual and physical growth. Jimmy is a master brick mason and a musician and singer. His building experience has saved his churches thousands of dollars, making future growth possible for generations to come.

We respectfully acknowledge the outstanding contribution this couple and their family have made to the Kingdom of God and wish for them many more years to witness of His love and grace.

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT
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Special Speaker:

Rev. Jimmy Whitfield

Pastor, First Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina

A GREAT IDEA...

Pay Your Blessing Forward!

The program "Adopt a Retired Minister for Christmas" served to inspire others to do something unique for the retired minister this past Christmas season. Let me explain.

Drawing some inspiration from this program and the promotional materials mailed to them, an active pastor and his wife decided to reach out to our very needy retired ministers in a most unusual way. The couple had been blessed with several nice financial gifts from their congregation, and they were thankful. However, they realized they were not nearly as much in need as some others might be and began to think how they could use what had been given to them to bless others. They thought about the retired minister.

At their request they were furnished a list of our retired ministers with whom they might consider sharing their blessings. Under the agreement of confidentiality, this couple did not want anyone to know who they were. They were not interested in receiving any praise or any letters of appreciation. They just wanted to quietly help lift the financial burden resting on the shoulders of those in need.

Soon after these gifts were mailed and received, my phone began ringing from excited retired ministers expressing their appreciation for their most unexpected gift. One dear minister's wife was in tears and marveled at how God always meets their needs; another called to say that this extra money would help him pay some bills that were in arrears; still others wrote or called to express their gratitude and appreciation.

At first it was agreed that absolutely nothing would be said or printed about this wonderful act of kindness. However, upon second thought, it was believed and agreed to by the contributors that the idea might serve to inspire others to think of unique ways of blessing those who have special needs. Even in these very difficult economic times, the words of David are still true: "I have been young, but now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37:25).

Perhaps it is one of the best kept secrets in our conference, but some of our retired ministers are not as well off as it may seem. Most of them never received a large salary; therefore, their ability to save a lot for their retirement years was limited, and their Social Security benefits small. Paying for housing, utilities, and health insurance, once provided by their pastorates, is now their responsibility. They would never parade their needs. They are proud, true servants of God who choose to put their trust in Him.

What this pastor and his wife did is truly thoughtful, scriptural, and spiritual. We trust this good deed will be something that will spark an idea of your own... and you don't have to wait until the Christmas season to act on it! —WTC

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

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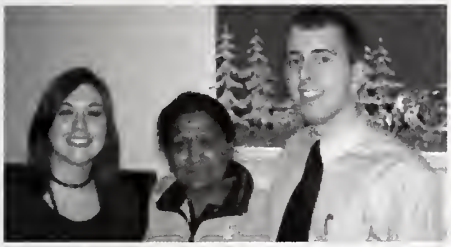
"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

PREM GUPTA



Summer and Kevin Sneed with Prem Gupta

Every now and then God allows two paths to cross that, apart from His intervention, would never intersect. It is at those crossroads that God often does the impossible. Recently we found ourselves at the place where the paths of a cordial Hindu lady and a small African Bible training center met. There we saw God do the impossible.

Prem Gupta was only two years old when her father moved her family from India to Kenya. He was a high school teacher and believed that life would be better for his family in the East African nation. This was in the late 1950s when Kenya was still a British colony. For a while the Gupta family enjoyed relative peace and prosperity in the nation of Kenya. The family first settled in the coastal town of Mombasa. After just a few years, though, the family headed to the western mountains of Kenya to live in the city of Eldoret.

In December 1963 the Kenyans won their independence from the British and began to set up their own government. Prem's family was now in danger. Over the years the British had so mistreated the Kenyans that some of the newly independent Africans were looking for revenge. Many chose to take out their aggression on anyone who was not a native Kenyan. This included Indian people. Prem remembers her Indian neighbors down the street. The father was a jeweler and had made a business transaction with some Kenyans who later felt he had taken advantage of them. One night those Kenyan youths raided the jeweler's home. They vandalized his property and beat and killed the father and his family. Prem's father felt the time had come to leave Kenya. It was no longer safe to raise his family there. The political tension, inward turmoil, and violent racism forced them out of the country. Eventually they would find themselves in America, where Prem still lives today.

East Africa Bible Training Centre
Eldoret, Kenya

Twenty years after Prem left Eldoret, Kenya, missionary Joe Arthur started a Bible school in the same city and named it the East Africa Bible Training Centre. The school grew and prospered, serving the IPHC well in Kenya and East Africa, producing ministers, pastors, teachers, and leaders. This ministry continues even now, and today men and women are still leaving Eldoret, not out of fear or threats of danger, but rather with a mandate to spread the Gospel, preach the Word, and make an impact for the Kingdom of God.

Prem did not know such a school existed in Eldoret. A Hindu by faith, Prem did not even know of the IPHC until she met the Gainey family. Betsy, Hilda, and Annie Gainey befriended this lady, who happens to be their neighbor in Wilmington, NC. During the course of their friendship the Gaineys told Prem about how the IPHC is making a difference in Kenya. For the first time in many years, Prem was brought up to speed about what was happening in her former home of Eldoret, Kenya.

Students of EABTC

Due to the influence of her father, Prem is a strong believer in education. She saw to it that her children were educated, and now they are all successful and working in the medical field. Having a heart for education, Prem was overjoyed to hear that the city that once overflowed with hatred and violence was now a center for biblical education overflowing with students who are committed to making Kenya a better place. Thus, Prem wanted to help.

On Friday, January 9, 2009, the Gainey family arranged a meeting between Prem Gupta, who left Eldoret over 40 years ago, and Kevin and Summer Sneed, who are now on their way to Eldoret to begin their ministry. At this meeting, Prem told the Sneeds her story and presented them with a substantial gift to assist the school and ministry at Eldoret. The gift was designated for EABTC because Prem believes that education will make a difference in Kenya.

Prem impressed me with her humility and generosity. She wanted no recognition or glory for her gift. She only wanted to do something to reach out to the people of Eldoret and Kenya. Though many there sought to harm her, Prem has forgiven them and now seeks to contribute something back to the community she was forced to leave. I believe she does this in memory of her father, who committed himself to educating others. Through this gift the legacy of her father, whose time was cut short in Eldoret, can now continue to make a difference.

We do not know why God chose to use a Hindu lady to support our Bible school in Kenya… but we are glad He did. As we stood at the God-orchestrated intersection that day, we planted seeds. Prem planted seeds of education in the lives of our students in Eldoret. But we also planted the seeds of the Gospel in what I believe to be fertile soil.

On behalf of East Africa Bible Training Centre and Director Douglas Barton, we say thank you to God and Prem Gupta. We are grateful for the blessings of our Father and the generosity of our friends like Prem.

Kevin and Summer Sneed
Missionaries to Kenya

L to R: Summer Sneed, Betsy Gainey, Prem Gupta, Hilda Gainey, Annie Gainey, Kevin Sneed

Our **ANNUAL SUMMIT MEETING** for the NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE will be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2009**, 9:00am until 12:00pm at the Culbreth Memorial PH Church in Falcon, NC.

Our speaker will be Rev. Gary Burd of Amarillo, Texas. Gary serves as the national liaison for M25 Ministries.

Come and bring a group from your church to learn more about what's going on in Mission M25. For more information, please call Rev. Steve Enloe, NC Conference point man, at 910-425-7474.

Pastors, have you appointed a local church point person (M25 ministry coordinator) for your church? If not, please send someone you have appointed to the meeting.

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Accelerant 2009

by Jon S. Oliver, NC CEM Director

I once heard someone say that when a country boy gets excited, "Wow" is the only word that comes out; you can say it forward or backward, and it still makes sense. That is the only word that comes to my mind, and it still does not do Accelerant justice. Accelerant 2009, January 29 – February 1, 2009, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, was definitely worth the travel through and to the mountains. It was a power-packed weekend.

Accelerant kicked off on Friday morning with the Emmanuel College Worship Team. They did an outstanding job of leading us all into the very presence of God. Three of those on the team are from the North Carolina Conference. It is awesome to see *our* young people growing and developing their talents and abilities for the Lord.

We were all blessed to have the opportunity to meet a very energetic, power-packed man of God, Darren Hileman. Darren is the founder of the South Carolina Master's Commission. He did a phenomenal job on Friday and Saturday mornings. Yes, there were some radicals in the house. Darren also gave several students from Master's Commission a chance to share. There are young people who are serving the Lord and striving to live for Him in all they say and do. Our young people were challenged to take a modern-day Nazarite vow to separate, consecrate, and dedicate.

We had a great time Friday night with Chris Sligh and Jeremy Camp in concert. Everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. I thoroughly enjoyed the way the concert ended. After Jeremy Camp had finished playing, everyone wanted to hear more. He came back out for an encore and proceeded to lead in "Here I Am to Worship." Even after he walked off the stage, the young people continued to sing their worship to God.

Eddie James and Ultimate Call rolled into Gatlinburg on Saturday afternoon. He led in worship and spoke about things that weigh us down. He said too many times we master the "don'ts" and forget the "dos." With his ministry experience, emphasis must be placed on both. He takes in young people from all backgrounds and ministers to them. He teaches them what not to do as well as what they need to do. He disciples them, and in turn, they minister. These are kids off the street with all kinds of problems, whom God has delivered and set free. All of them were involved in some aspect. Some played an instrument, some sang, and some danced. It is simply amazing what God is doing through Eddie James and these young people. God is raising up a generation that is unashamed of the gospel and power of Jesus Christ. Several of them spoke and prayed during the worship experience. There were calls for deliverance and Spirit baptism. Young people went down by the hundreds. At the conclusion of the Sunday worship, young people were walking around the auditorium speaking in tongues and praying for one another. Eddie James prophesied that revival was going to break out in our youth ministries. I can't wait. What a weekend! All I can say is, "Wow!"

Don't miss out in 2010. Mark your calendar now and do everything you can to get your young people at Accelerant in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, on January 29 – 31, 2010.

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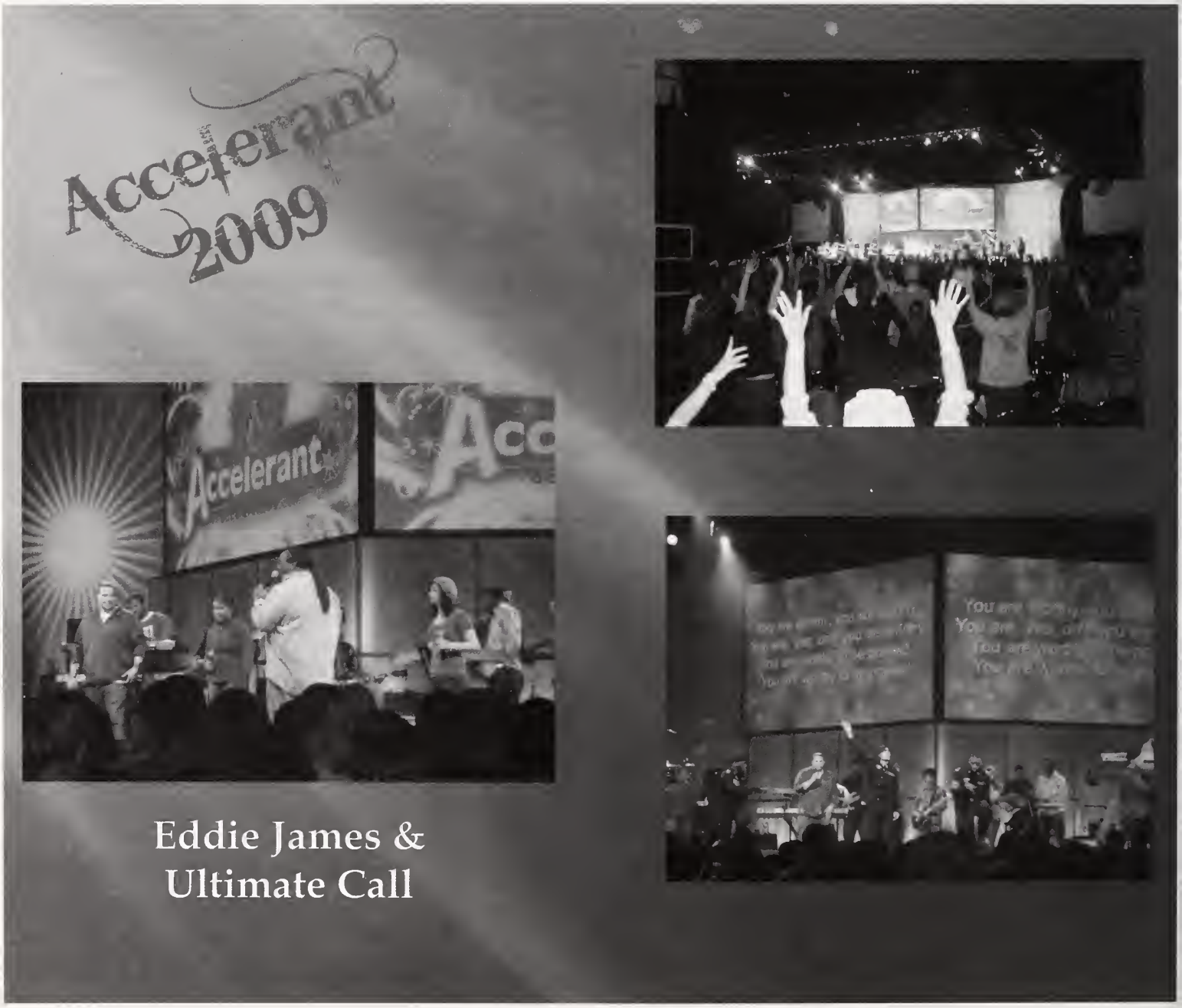

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"JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE."

-JOHN 11:24-26 (KJV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Greatest Tragedy of Life

I recently asked seven people, "What is the greatest tragedy of life?" Four said, "I do not know." One gave a ridiculous answer. Two, my wife and a staff member, said, "Dying without Christ." That was a great answer.

Perhaps there is another. It involves the individual. Here it is: "To die a premature death and yet keep on living!" This can be especially true of the Christian believer. It does not have to be that way. The Word proves there is another approach.

As a boy I was always intrigued when a snake or lizard was killed. It would be dead and yet its tail would keep on wriggling. Supposedly the tail would wriggle until after dark. The creature was dead and yet did not know it. There seemed to be life until the darkness enveloped it.

There are many biblical examples, but three prove the point well. All three were surrounded by tragedies. They seemed to be going under. Spiritual death and even physical death seemed certain. Each protested to God. Each had his own prescription. God gave His perception, which was quite different. He then gave His plan. Life was restored. Vision flowed again. Tragedies took on an entirely different view.

Look at Jeremiah the prophet, the preacher. His hometown people of Anathoth had tried to take his life. Wickedness was abounding. He complained, but he went to prayer. The Lord answered quickly.

"If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?" (Jeremiah 12:5) The Lord here saw things differently. He saw that Jeremiah would live, but that things would get much worse.

In the midst of all the tragedies the Lord had a plan. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Look at Asaph, the singer, the local staff person. He was struggling with life and the wickedness of the wicked. The singer had lost his song. He was discouraged. He was giving up. "Truly God is good to Israel.... But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped" (Psalm 73:1-2).

His prescription and effort were to go to the sanctuary (verse 17). It was there in the presence of the Lord that he received God's perception. The Lord reminded him that He would take care of the situation. The wicked were standing on slippery places. Punishment would come in God's timing.

God's plan for the singer was to keep on singing – to keep doing what he had been dong so well. He would enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord. Listen to his testimony: "But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God. That I may declare all your works" (verse 28).

Let us view one other example. Let us consider a lay leader – a layman in the world. Consider Hezekiah, the king of Judah.

Hezekiah was a godly man. The Lord had miraculously healed him and given him 15 more years of life. The sundial had retreated ten degrees. He had great plans.

Then suddenly, unexpectedly, danger came. The king of Assyria invaded Judah and surrounded Jerusalem. Hezekiah was in trouble. Incidentally, he was 39 years old. His plans were shattered. His people were in bondage. He was in midlife crisis. "This day is a day of trouble and of rebuke and of blasphemy for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth" (Isaiah 37:3).

Hezekiah's prescription was to go to the house of the Lord (Isaiah 37:1). He sent words to the prophet of God, Isaiah (37:2). At one point in the process he laid out a letter from the wicked king in the house of the Lord and said, "Lord, look what he is saying about you!"

The Lord lifted the prophet by revealing the miracles to come. The Word of the Lord gave promise and hope. The Lord had a plan. He implemented it in time. His angel killed 185,000 Assyrians. The king was assassinated. Judah and Hezekiah were set free.

In each of these examples the men of God were breathing, but they had ceased to live. They were dead in the water. Yet they sought life again. Their prescription was God. He delivered, but in His way and in His time.

Look at these verses: "Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is risen on you" (Isaiah 60:1); "Before she was in labor, she gave birth. Before her pain came she delivered a male child" (Isaiah 66:7). What a contrast are these words to the words of the king!

We are surrounded now in our American culture with much tragedy. Many are dead, and yet they do not know it. What is the answer? The answer is decisive and clear. We must go to the Lord!

There is a future of ministry for every believer even in low stock markets. The believer is not to shuffle with the crowd. He is not to be in despair. He is not to accept the darkness. He is not to be bogged down with the circumstances.

The believer is to go to the Lord. His perception can be very different. The Lord sees and plans a future. The believer must break away from the crowd and face the future. He may run with the horses, but only with the Lord's strength and anointing. Man looks at the labor, at the impossibilities. God says, "Arise, shine, and I can bring forth the baby even before and without labor." When the believer goes to Him, what a difference it makes!

Go to Him! Now is the time.

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Alice Nichols Satterfield

March 26, 1920 – February 21, 2009

Alice Satterfield was born in Hancock County, Tennessee, on March 26, 1920, to the late Joe Nichols and Ida Kinsler Nichols. She was reared by her loving grandparents, Eprahem and Nancy Ann Kinsler, and special cousins, Jess and Goldie Kinsler. On November 22, 1942, she married the love of her life, Reverend Walter B. Satterfield. For nearly 67 years she was a homemaker and the wife of this Pentecostal Holiness Minister.

Together, she and Brother Satterfield pastored 38 years. They pastored these churches: Caraleigh, Raleigh; Jones Grove near Mount Olive; Lamm's Grove near Kenly; the Pikes Crossroads and Spring Hope charge; Pikes Crossroads near Princeton; the Smithfield Church; the Shiloh Church near Falcon; and they completed pastoring at the Albritton Church near Kinston. Their longest pastorate was the Shiloh Church for nearly 19 years.

In addition to pastoring, the Satterfields served three years as evangelists in the then Western North Carolina Conference. They were officially retired in July 2000.

I have known Sister Satterfield most of my saved life. In a way I am a member of the Satterfield spiritual family. It was under the preaching of Brother Satterfield in February 1965 that I was saved. He has always been such a personal blessing to me.

Sister Alice's celebration service was held at The First Church in Goldsboro on Tuesday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. Reverend Jim Whitfield and I officiated. The body was laid to rest at the Wayne Memorial Park.

The Reverend Pastor Whitfield spoke of her five loves in life. She loved God, her husband and family, her church, her fishing (she always caught the big one!), and her traveling. She was always known as a faithful Christian and strict tither.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Lena S. Graham and husband Herb of Chiefland, Florida; Jerry W. Satterfield and wife Elaine of Mooresville; Nancy S. Fields and husband Glenn of LaGrange; and Bridgette S. Daniels and husband Foy of Dudley. She has 7 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 step-grandchildren.

She is gone but not lost to us. She is in heaven. Perhaps she is talking to Peter, James, and John about the finer points of fishing.

–Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Manuel Antonio Reyes

August 22, 1954 – January 29, 2009

On Saturday, January 31, 2009, the celebration service was held for Pastor Manuel Reyes at the Mitchell Funeral Home in Greenville, North Carolina. Pastor Reyes had crossed over to be with the Lord on Thursday prior.

Manuel Reyes was a man of God. He left us early! He had been the founding pastor of the John 3:16 Church (Hispanic) in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. He had recently turned the leadership of the church over to his wife, Reverend Mrs. Esther Reyes. His health was not good.

It was my pleasure to know this good brother. He always had a smile and a good word. He was totally supportive to the work of God and the conference. He was so well respected that he was chosen as the district director of Evangelism/World Missions for the North Hispanic District.

It was my pleasure to assist Pastor Cipriano Moreno and Dr. Luis Avila in the celebration service. The chapel was overflowing. All who knew Pastor Reyes loved him.

He is survived by his preaching wife, Esther; daughter, Christiana Buck of Williamston; and son, Mario Reyes of Roanoke Rapids.

He will be missed. Lord, give us more men like Pastor Manuel Reyes.

–Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

March / April 2009

Rev. Clara Williams April 1	***Rev. Jettie Parker*** April 24
Rev. Patricia Johnson April 2	***Rev. Lamarr Jackson*** April 24
Rev. Vera Griffin April 7	***Rev. Guy Prosper*** April 29
Rev. Jesse Horne April 8	***Rev. Tim Creel*** May 3
Rev. G. S. Holliday April 11	***Rev. Ralph Leggett*** May 17
Rev. Richard Waters April 13	***Rev. Lee Toler*** May 19
Rev. W. J. Forehand April 17	***Rev. R. N. Hood*** May 19
Rev. David Jones, Sr. April 17	***Rev. Elsie Arthur*** May 19
Rev. Rodney Knowles April 23	***Rev. McElree Purifoy*** May 28

Solemn Assembly

A Call to Repentance

The prophet Joel issues the most prolific call to Solemn Assembly recorded in the Scripture. *"Consecrate a fast. Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord"* (Joel 1:14). In the very next chapter Joel expands his call to repentance and concludes that a sacred assembly before God will produce three outcomes: 1) restoration of our heritage, 2) triumph over our adversary, and 3) undeniable presence of God (v.17).

The leadership team of the Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church concluded these were desirable outcomes and issued our own call to a Solemn Assembly for the week of February 1-8, 2009. Simply stated, "Solemn Assembly is an expression of common resolve by a people to corporately join together before the face of God to be reconciled from sin and to seek His will for their future."

The context of this corporate call to repentance for GFPHC was the reaffirmation of our mission as a church. We declared our mission to be the "making of disciples." Through much prayerful analysis the GFPHC leadership had previously defined our three-step discipleship process as "Experiencing Real God," "Developing Real People," and "Serving In Real Time."

These three components of our discipleship process serve as the foundation of our church mission statement: *"To present Jesus Christ as Real God, to save and empower a community of Real People, to serve in Real Time."* But as precise and focused as this mission statement is, we realized there was no guarantee that our church would be able to live up to its divine potential. Sin could still prevent us.

Sin distorts the spiritual compass of a church. It is not uncommon for a church to be blind to just how off course it is in its pursuit of God's will. If we were to have any hope of getting back on course with God's agenda, a corporate repentance for the sins that misaligned that focus or effort would have to be engaged. Such sin could not be handled by admission alone. It would require repentance. In addition, it would not have been enough for the leadership of our church alone to acknowledge and process the issue of our sin. The participation and agreement of the whole body together in Christ had to come together to deal a death blow to the confusion and contamination of sin.

In that hope we came together in Solemn Assembly that the Christ within us would prevail over our sin, that the divine nature would triumph over the human nature, and that faith would rise above unfaith. Only at the altar of repentance could we stand in confidence of that hope.

In preparation for this week of repentance, the leadership encouraged the congregation to join together throughout the month of January for prayer and intercession. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings our main campus chapel was open for prayer during

the hours of 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Each Sunday morning the sanctuary altar was open for prayer 30 minutes prior to service. As the week of Solemn Assembly approached, our sense of faith and expectation was really heightened.

At our annual leadership summit back in November 2008, the leadership had prayerfully identified seven sins that we considered a hindrance to God's destiny for us as a church. We listed those sins to be: 1) compromise, 2) complacency, 3) disunity, 4) dishonor, 5) devaluation, 6) judgmentalism, and 7) unforgiveness. To inform our people more fully of our objectives in the Solemn Assembly, a booklet that included a biblical defense of Solemn Assembly, confessions, affirmations, repentances, and responses for each sin and a schedule for the week was printed and distributed to every family a week in advance (a copy of the Solemn Assembly booklet can be downloaded by going to www.greenvillefirst.org/; look under the resources tab at the top of the page).

To maximize the effect of the week, we enlisted the participation of an anointed and gifted slate of ministers to address each of the identified sins: Rev. Roger Leggett (compromise), Rev. Patsy Vaughan (complacency), Bishop D. Chris Thompson (disunity), Rev. Billy Rose (devaluation), Rev. Jimmy Whitfield (judgmentalism), and Rev. Paul Brafford (unforgiveness).

When we began the week, we were uncertain how our people would respond to a full week of revival. Would the young families participate? Would the older generation embrace the need for churchwide repentance? Would we sustain our attendance throughout the week? Would our people truly walk out personal and corporate repentance and experience the desired Christian spiritual formation?

As the week progressed, spiritual momentum built as the people responded in full faith. Attendance was strong and steady throughout the week; younger families brought their children to experience old-time revival; older believers were present to support spiritual renewal; everyone made personal confession of sin, and as a church we corporately repented before God.

Although serious, our call to Solemn Assembly was not marked by dread or discouragement. And why not, you may ask? Because the Lord had prophesied over this house both blessing and promise. As lead pastor, I heard the Lord saying, "**In returning I will meet you**; **in repenting I will forgive you**; **in purifying I will empower you**; **in warring I will give you victory**."

It is always hard to evaluate spiritual results immediately, but our week of Solemn Assembly was a prophetic act of obedience. Therefore with great faith we are confident that our 2009 theme, "Expanding the Kingdom Within," will be successfully engaged. By availing ourselves of the opportunity to repent of our sin, we believe we are now poised to experience the blessing of God's kingdom expanding within.

Acts 2:1-2 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

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Book Reviews

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The Beauty of the Balance: Toward an Evangelical-Pentecostal Theology

by Terry Tramel. Franklin Springs: LifeSprings Resources, Inc. 309 pages.

Although doctrines, decrees, and distinctives have divided God's children almost since the inception of the Church, and although the Lord is completely united in theology, how far is an Evangelical-Pentecostal theology from the rightly divided Word? Can Evangelicals and Pentecostals both be right at the same time in the doctrinal areas that divide them, or must someone yield some doctrinal ground to bridge the gap for doctrinal reconciliation and true fellowship? As the author suggests, is it possible for a Christian to have one foot in the Evangelical camp and one in the Pentecostal camp, enjoying the balance of hermeneutical harmony and the beautiful experience of loving the Lord with all of his or her being?

How many Pentecostal ministers have ever preached Baptist sermons? How many Evangelicals have borrowed or been deeply inspired by Pentecostal messages of great preachers, including Ray Hughes or James Leggett? Perhaps secret admiration exists more than any of us really know, and the differences are not as great as they may appear.

The intent of the book is to clarify the Pentecostal position and reveal that the seven pillars of Pentecostalism possess an attraction worthy of an Evangelical second look. Perhaps the word toward in the title suggests that what many may consider an impossible bridge could in fact become a possible bridge if only concessions were made from both camps. Doctrinal conceding requires abundant grace and understanding. Yet some Christians struggle with pride and prejudice. While pride tends to look down on others (and what they believe), prejudice is the child of ignorance.

Furthermore, there are Pentecostals who would read Dr. Tramel's new book and disagree with him, a Pentecostal. If Pentecostals need to recapture the Pauline emphasis of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, then it strongly suggests that some Pentecostals, at least, believe wholeheartedly the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as the Bible teaches it. If the crisis experience of sanctification is a Pentecostal distinctive, why is it that some Pentecostals do not believe or teach it? Doesn't holiness begin at conversion? If sanctification is in part the death of the old man, isn't death a crisis?

Oftentimes the definition of terms is where the distinctives may be confused or clarified. For example, I would never speak of the "atonement of Jesus Christ." If Christ provided atonement for sin, no Christian has any hope whatsoever for eternal life. Atonement never was and never will be a New Testament soteriological concept. His blood does not cover sin; it washes it away. The whole concept of "atonement" relates to the blood of animals. How one defines theological and biblical terms makes a difference in doctrinal and theological clarification.

The book is a joy to read. The author has spent a great deal of time organizing and planning the contents of the book. It reveals a large heart from a man who loves both Evangelicals and Pentecostals. Aren't we all Christians anyway? Isn't Calvary level ground for all of us? Paul's theology of the Spirit was both evangelical and Pentecostal. If he were alive today on earth, no doubt he would take the hands of all true Evangelicals and the hands of all true Pentecostals and bring us together. We would not only walk toward that theological bridge but also walk across that theological bridge together! It will be great when all of this theological matter will finally be told for real in a clear and transparent way, and all of us are told, "This is the way it is."

This book is highly recommended for pastors and laypeople alike. It should be in the library of every Christian minister, a book to be read and lived.

Faith and Doubt

by John Ortberg. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing. 186 pages.

Christians are not people who never doubt, for doubt is essential to spiritual growth. Christian maturity cannot occur without struggles with doubt. Although some view doubt as a plague to be avoided at all costs, doubt is beneficial when handled properly. Doubt is honest; it is likely a sign that a person is thinking. It reveals vulnerability. It provides opportunities to grow spiritually. Do Christians ever outgrow doubt in this life? If experience is a reliable teacher, it has taught me, "No." Doubt is a permanent feature of the Christian life.

Chronic doubt debilitates, for it borders on unbelief. Doubt and unbelief are not synonymous. There is a difference between having difficulty believing and refusing to believe. George Matheson wrote, "I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand." Doubt suggests you stand alone, sinking in life's alarms, but when faith comes, you realize you do not stand by yourself, but Someone is beside you, and if necessary, underneath, supporting. Matheson prayed, "Imprison me within Thine arms, and strong shall be my hand." After you battle with doubt and despair, and the Lord makes His presence known, you can be strengthened in His might.

According to Ortberg, "Doubt is a good servant but a poor master. If Christ spent an anguished night in prayer, if He burst out from the Cross, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' then surely we are permitted doubt. But we must move on. To choose doubt as a philosophy of life is akin to choosing immobility as a means of transportation." This is so true. Doubt is not the driving force of the Christian life, although it is useful. The just shall live by faith, but that faith is tested at times, and that is where doubt comes in.

Faith is never a leap in the dark. Faith depends on truth. Truth depends on knowledge, and knowledge depends on facts. True faith doesn't vanish when knowledge arrives. Abraham lived by faith, not knowing where he was going, but he did know that God had called him and would guide him every step of the way.

Consisting of eleven chapters, this book is very simple but provides much thought-provoking material. The most helpful chapter is "The Gift of Uncertainty," in which the author advocates that faith and trust in God grow out of knowing Him. The uncertainties of life produce character and help to make one's faith even stronger. Job doubted the Lord at times, but there was "more faith in his honest confusion and doubting than there was in his friends' pious certainty." Days of uncertainty help us, too, to trust God even more. Happy Reading!

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord."
(Psalm 150:6)

Celebrate! Life is full of opportunities to celebrate, and I don't want to miss any of them. The dictionary says that "to celebrate" means to mark some happy event(s) with respect, festivity, and rejoicing. Women's Ministries has lots of happy events to celebrate, and I want to encourage you to celebrate with us.

One of the "most favorite" parts of my job as NCWM director is visiting churches and hearing and seeing what is happening in ministry through Women's Ministries. Every church that is making a difference in the lives of others and sharing the story of Jesus has something to celebrate.

We began the new year with our NCWM Leadership Training at Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn. Approximately 300 women gathered in their Family Life Center to learn about "The Frazzled Female."

Coli Argo, missionary to Southeast Asia, blessed us with the devotion. She shared with us what it's like to be "frazzled" while living on the other side of the world.

We were also blessed as Rev. Lisa Edwards, daughter of Hill and Marjorie Teachey, shared her testimony, "From Hurting to Healing."

If you would like to determine if you are a Grasshopper, a Pack Rat, a Messy, or a Procrastinator when it comes to being organized, let me know. I'll be happy to send you the information.

It was a great day in the Lord, and I would like to thank everyone who participated in any way. The local Women's Ministries under the leadership of Mrs. Bobbie Cass did an outstanding job. Thank you so much!

We are also prayerfully planning our NCWM Convention, which will be held on Saturday, June 6, in Falcon. I also trust that you are making plans to attend the General WM Convention in Greensboro, NC, July 29. We will be electing a new General Executive Director as well as the General WM Board. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Remember, "Together we will make a difference." Let's shine in 2009!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Rev. Lisa Edwards

Missionary Coli Argo

POTPOURRI...

- Got a splinter? Reach for the Scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Simply put the Scotch tape over the splinter, and then pull it off.
- Stop the soil from leaking out of a plant pot. Line a plant pot with a coffee filter to prevent the soil from going through the drainage holes.
- To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase or cruet, fill with water and drop in two Alka Seltzer tablets.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Director's note: We are facing difficult times. Men must fall on their knees, look to God for wisdom, and trust in His Word. I hope this article speaks to your heart. Please know your NC Men's Ministries Board is here to help you in any way we can. —Blessings, Ronnie Basden

Surviving the Economic Meltdown

Dr. Patrick Morley

People are getting laid off. Men can't find jobs. People are taking pay reductions. Budgets are getting slashed. Home values have plummeted. Investments have gone up in smoke. And that's just in my family. We're in an economic meltdown of freakish proportions. A new survey reveals that 150 million adults are noticeably affected by the economic meltdown—22 percent in a major way. Most expect it to take several years for the nation to recover. We're all asking the same question: "How can I survive the current crisis?" Maybe you've lost your job—or fear it. Maybe you've watched your investments or paycheck shrink. Perhaps your business is way off. Or maybe you're "okay," but still worry how it's all going to play out.

I'm the survivor of an economic meltdown. When Congress passed the Tax Reform Act of 1986, liquidity vanished, car dealers closed, the Savings and Loan industry was liquidated, many insurance companies failed, and businesspeople like me had trouble making ends meet. Every day for the seven years, I didn't know if I would be forced into bankruptcy. It's a long story, but I was able to avoid bankruptcy. Here are some survival strategies that worked for me then and can work for you now.

Strategy 1: Get out of debt. You cannot borrow your way out of a problem that you borrowed your way into. Here's an idea that often gets overlooked: It takes more energy to earn a living and service debt than just to earn a living. Debt is dumb. Getting out of debt is "do or die." My strategy for overcoming debt was simple. I made getting out of debt my overarching goal. I knew that to survive, I had to get out of debt. So do you.

Strategy 2: Remain accessible. Many people in financial straits dodge calls, don't return calls, don't do what they promise, and miss deadlines. This creates a fantastic opportunity for you to distinguish yourself and get some mercy. Don't wait for creditors to call you—call them, and if they do call—pick up the phone. Communicate, communicate, and communicate.

Strategy 3: Stay in touch with friends. One of your biggest tendencies in a meltdown is to withdraw from your friends—to go it alone and not want others to know your struggles. When you're in a funk, you have an overwhelming urge to pull the covers over your head and disappear. You simply can't do that and survive. Sure, friends will let you down. You have to decide between imperfect fellowship and perfect isolation.

Strategy 4: Live within your means. People live either above, at, within, or below their means. If you've been living above or at your means, it's time for a change. How? The first step is to get out of denial that you are not living within your means. Frankly, denial is a much stronger force than most people understand. Denial means you actually believe a story you've made up—a lie.

We live in unexampled times. The world's best and brightest are trying to fix this, but human ingenuity alone probably will not be enough. It would send a great message if the [President had] said in his inaugural address, "I would like to call our nation to humbly ask God for His wisdom, mercy, and intervention." In any event, you should go ahead and do that now.

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God's Word is to be prayed, declared, and spoken forth.

In my personal time of prayer, the Holy Spirit stirred inside me this prayer and declaration. I'm using it for my personal life and ministry. May it bless and stir you up. "Let the River flow!"

I Have a Future and Destiny

God's Word is the spoken Word.
It has authority, power, and anointing.
It directs, aligns, and empowers my life.

God has given me destiny, purpose, and provisions.
I am committed to become all He has called me to be.
I am a pursuer of destiny.
I have intimacy with God.
I have a lifestyle of fasting and prayer.
I live by God's Word.
I am becoming all He has intended me to be.
God already has my success, prosperity, and fulfillment planned out.
I will follow, obey, and serve.
I will live a disciplined life.
Purity, integrity, loyalty, self-control, and godly character I will exhibit.
I am teachable, changeable, alert, and ready to respond to instructions and orders.
I am a soldier, friend, ambassador, and lover of God.
I am a disciple, follower, servant, and a leader in the body of Christ.
For me nothing is impossible; God is with me.
I will stay the course even when it's hard.
I am a success, I am on the right path, and I will finish well.
God's Word is true; His promises unfailing.
I am destined for great places and things.
I am blessed and loved.
I am on my way.
I have a great future and destiny.
Amen.

Renew

Give ear to our prayer, O LORD, in the name of Jesus.
We proclaim, declare, and decree that
Your Word and Spirit will renew all believers.
We pray that you will refresh and bless us as we wait Upon the LORD.
Renew our strength, as we mount up with Wings as eagles,
Declaring that we shall run and not be weary; we shall walk and not faint.
God, renew a right, persevering, and steadfast Spirit within us.
We declare that we faint not.
We believe that our inward man is renewed day by day.
We declare that we are constantly renewed in our spirit, soul, and body,
Having a new, refreshed mental and spiritual attitude.
We proclaim and decree that we have put on the new man,
Which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him.
Touch, heal, and make whole our body, soul, and spirit,
For we have cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed us.
O LORD our God, in Thee do we put our trust.
Thou, O LORD, are a shield for us, our glory
And the lifter up of our head.
In thy precious name we pray, JESUS,
Jesus .....Amen

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HE HIDETH MY SOUL

One of my favorite hymns while I was a student at Holmes Bible College was "He Hideth My Soul." In looking up the words to this hymn on the Internet, I learned the music was brought to Fanny Crosby so she could write a poem to fit it, and she did so, beautifully. It is always amazing how God can use someone who seems not to be of much value to the world around him or her to bless so many.

The first verse of this hymn says, "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see." He is a wonderful Savior, and the more we dwell on His goodness, the greater the love for Him we feel. We can bask in His great love and mercy that keep flowing through our souls.

The second verse of "He Hideth My Soul" says, "He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of His love, and covers me there with His hand, and covers me there with His hand." Think of those words and the depth of the love God gives to us, His children. He hides us from all that this world and Satan would send our way. He covers us as a mother hen would protect her baby chicks under her wings. We are protected and kept from so many things.

Sometimes things do come our way, and it is hard to understand why we have to go through something so hard or overwhelming. We are human and do question God's inaction, but God is faithful and brings us through! 1 Corinthians 10:3 says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Philippians 1:6 reads as follows: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Sometimes our lives change because of circumstances, but whether you are facing a health problem or dealing with a family situation, God has work for you to do in His kingdom! It may not be obvious to you what God wants you to do, but God can use you in whatever situation you find yourself. Trust Him.

Verse three of "He Hideth My Soul" says, "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord; He taketh my burden away; He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved; He giveth me strength for each day." He takes our burdens and holds us up so that we shall not be moved, and He gives strength. Have you ever felt that strength?

Verse four assures us, "With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, and filled with His fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, O glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!" We are truly blessed, and most of us would acknowledge that we are abundantly blessed. Our lives should be lived in praise to God; we should in no way doubt that He loves us and cares about every little thing that touches our lives!

The last verse is the triumph of the Christian life: "When clothed in His brightness, transported I rise to meet Him in clouds of the sky, His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high!" We look forward to His appearing in the sky and our going to meet Him and to praise Him forever.

The Minister and Spouse Retreat Was Enjoyed by All

This year's Minister and Spouse Retreat was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend. Many of our ministerial couples were not able to come this year, and we pray that you will make every effort to attend next year (or, if you are a layman, help your pastor and his spouse to attend). Everything from the praise and worship to the messages by Bishop James Leggett and Mrs. Faye was ordered by the precious Holy Spirit, and all who attended were blessed. Each session was blessed by the Lord, and everyone received a special visit from the Lord and His Spirit.

The Friday night session started out with a good Baptist brother, Mr. Gerald Goodwin, a Christian comedian. Many of our people laughed hard for the first time in a long time! Friday and Saturday mornings began with praise and worship by Rodney and Kelley Walker and Gary and Cindy Wood. The praise team blessed our hearts. Gary Wood worked the sound system and beautifully played the trumpet for some of the songs.

Each morning one of the Conference Board members gave a devotional thought to start the day. Presiding Bishop Leggett spoke in the morning session, and then the group was divided into prayer and ministry groups for the next session. The prayer and ministry time was the highlight of the retreat for almost everybody. After the break, Brother Leggett ministered to the men, and Mrs. Faye ministered to the women in such a way that lives were touched and those who attended began seeking for more of God.

Friday night brought the Hispanic ministers and spouses for their sessions with Brother Luis and Brother Fernando. The Hispanic ministers and their wives enjoyed another session on Saturday morning. The 11:00 session on Saturday morning was a combined service, Bishop Leggett speaking with translation, and then the service concluded with Communion for all.

The Minister and Spouse Retreat has always been a time for ministerial couples to enjoy quality time with other couples in ministry and then to be ministered to. We are thankful we have the opportunity to get to know each of you and learn from each of you. May God bless you all!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

THE N.C. CONFERENCE ARCHIVES STORAGE ROOM

The N.C. Conference Archives storage room looks a little bit different these days. Monday afternoon, February 23, three of the Ladies on the Archives Board came to Falcon to help me work in the storage room. Because of their coming to work, spend the night, and work again on Tuesday morning, we were able to organize the items that have been placed in the Archives storage room so far. There are still a lot of individual jobs that need to be done to get everything in its place, but at least we have gotten a good start.

The ladies worked on getting all of the blueprints rolled up and labeled so we can place them in an organized manner. We have as many as 50 blueprints of churches, parsonages, Falcon buildings, and septic systems.

I would like to thank Mrs. Mary Belle Johnson, Ms. Betsy Gainey, and Mrs. Blanche Pollard for coming to help me. I could not have done it without them.

Mrs. Jean Williams would have come to help if she were closer to Falcon and if it were where she could. Brother Danny Rollins and Brother Jim Skinner would have come also, but because of their responsibilities during the week, I did not mention the workday to them. I thank each of these Board members for their support and all their contributions. They are an awesome group of people to work with. Thank God for them.

Mrs. Barbara Lancaster has been coming on Monday mornings each week to help me in the Archives, and she has accomplished a lot of things that will keep me from having to do them. There are many different kinds of jobs that can be done by anyone willing to help. I thank God for her help also.

Please do not think there is not much to do in the Archives Department! There is computer work, filing, putting boxes together and labeling them, sorting, and inventorying, to name a few things. Please consider what you can do to help me. Several boxes have been brought in that need to be gone through, inventoried, and filed away. Also, there is a file room in the N.C. Conference RDC piled high with boxes of paperwork we need to go through so the important things may be pulled out. Who knows how far back these boxes go?

So if you would like to do something different and get out for a while, or if you love our Church's history and really want to do all you can to help us get things in order, please notify me. If I am out of the office, you may call me on my cell phone at 919-820-5992.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know this? "The Falcon Publishing Company was organized by Joseph H. King in 1909 for the purpose of publishing *The Apostolic Evangel* and other religious literature. *The Apostolic Evangel* was published in Falcon from 1913 at The Falcon Publishing Company until 1927 when the print shop was sold to the Cape Fear Printing Company. During these years Joseph H. King, Julius A. Culbreth, Charles B. Strickland, John Messick, and Albert E. Robinson served as editors, but the driving force behind the print shop and the publication of *The Apostolic Evangel* was Albert E. Robinson and after his departure in 1930, the print shop closed. One of Mr. Robinson's first ventures on arriving in Falcon in 1912 was the local paper, *The Falcon Era*." Sunday School literature was also published in Falcon within this time period (from *A History of Falcon, North Carolina*, 1980).

Since about 1993, Steve Clark has owned and operated The Falcon Printing Company here in Falcon. He prints a lot of the materials for the North Carolina Conference RDC and numerous other jobs for people in the area. Steve Clark has his father, Rev. Wiley Clark, as an able helper in the Falcon Printing Company. Since Steve has a full-time public job, Brother Wiley is there to keep things going. Thanks, men, for keeping traditions going here in Falcon. May God bless!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

AMA LA INSTRUCCIÓN, AUMENTA TU SABER

Hace algún tiempo atrás fui motivado al ver la asistencia de líderes, ministros y miembros de las Iglesias a los eventos de capacitación y enseñanza que tenemos en Falcon y otros programas de la Conferencia para ayudar a las personas a desarrollar sus dones y ser más efectivos en sus ministerios y trabajo en el Reino de Dios. Me puse a pensar en varios versículos en los que el libro de Proverbios se enfoca en la corrección, el mejoramiento, y el valor de recibir y guardar las instrucciones que recibimos por diferentes medios.

Todos los que servimos al Señor en su obra, debemos estar pendientes de nuestra necesidad de mejorar y adquirir más conocimientos para aplicar a la vida personal y también para usar como principios y procedimientos en nuestra labor cristiana. Proverbios contiene consejos valiosos, que merecen ser estudiados, meditados y aplicados a nuestra manera de vivir. Descubramos juntos algunos de esos consejos que he seleccionado para compartir con ustedes.

Empecemos con Proverbios 9:8-10 "No reprendas al escarnecedor, para que no te aborrezca; corrige al sabio, y te amará. Da al sabio, y será más sabio; enseña al justo, y aumentará su saber. El temor de Jehová es el principio de la sabiduría, y el conocimiento del Santísimo es la inteligencia." Note las palabras "da al sabio y será más sabio; enseña al justo, y aumentará su saber".

Hay algunas cosas que corren por mi mente al leer este versículo de Proverbios, me permito sugerirlas como parte de algunos pasos en sacar ventaja del tiempo y recursos que el Señor traiga a nuestro camino para volvernos mejores en aprender y utilizar lo aprendido.

1. Hay sentido de oportunidad que debemos observar para aprovechar aquellos momentos que me pueden proveer de conocimientos verdaderos, sanos y necesarios para aplicar a mi vida. Me refiero a las instrucciones y enseñanzas que me pueden brindar mediante programas de entrenamiento que proveen fuentes como mi iglesia y la Conferencia; además de otros recursos que podemos aprovechar.
2. Debemos elegir lo que en verdad viene a llenar una necesidad y a ayudar con la formación de tu carácter y habilidades para mejorar lo que estas haciendo en cualquier rol de la vida en que Dios le haya puesto y también para tu servicio en el reino de Dios. Hay muchos recursos como seminarios, libros, cursos, etc. de los que podríamos tomar ventaja, sin embargo eso no significa que tienes que tomarlos todos, sino aquellos que puedes, tienes interés en adquirir y que te ayude a alcanzar las metas de tu corazón.
3. Los recursos están disponibles para aquellos que tienen hambre de ser mejor, de descubrir la voluntad de Dios para sus vidas y hacer lo que Dios les ha dicho que hagan. No podemos pasar por alto que en muchas ocasiones lo que se necesita es una disposición de nuestra parte para aprender. Debemos abrir ojos, oídos y mente para recibir las enseñanzas que el Señor nos brinda por diferentes medios. Es valioso evaluar de tiempo en tiempo hacia dónde está nuestro enfoque, en que nos estamos concentrando y qué es lo que queremos, pero no podemos proponer excusas de no poder tomar instrucción, cuando en realidad lo que necesitamos es una mejor organización en nuestra vida de todo lo que estamos haciendo y lo que en verdad deseamos ser.
4. Uno de los aspectos más valiosos de la instrucción es desarrollarnos, aprender y adquirir la capacidad para poder ayudar a otras personas en distintas áreas de necesidad. Ya sea que usted tenga que dar una clase a un grupo de personas, o que enseñe en forma personal a ciertos individuos, y especialmente los miembros de nuestra familia; siempre habrá una ocasión para compartir conocimientos con otros. Tú eres un instrumento en las manos de Dios para formar a otros, por lo que debes estar preparado para que como dice Pablo el apóstol a Timoteo "será instrumento para honra, santificado, útil al Señor, y dispuesto para toda buena obra." 2 Timoteo 2:21.
5. No importa cuanto sabes o cuanto hayas estudiado, "siempre hay una oportunidad para ser mejor", por lo que las palabras del versículo de Proverbios son aplicables para quien tiene un deseo de seguir aprendiendo, mejorando y capacitándose, "Da al sabio, y será más sabio; enseña al justo, y aumentará su saber". Esto sucede porque lo que recibes y aprendes esta influenciado por los siguientes factores:

   a. Valoras la instrucción
   b. Te evalúas periódicamente y descubres tus necesidades
   c. Estas consciente de que estos son tiempos de cambios
   d. Usas lo que aprendes
   e. Tienes un deseo serio y profundo de ser mejor
   f. Quieres ser usado por Dios para ayudar a otros
   g. Reconoces tu necesidad de depender totalmente del Espíritu Santo
   h. Abres tus ojos a las necesidades y desafíos que te rodean
   i. Tienes un sentido de previsión, el cual te ayuda a estar siempre preparado
   j. Tienes metas claras y una dirección precisa sobre lo que quieres.

Termino con aquella declaración de Mateo 25:21 "bien, buen siervo y fiel; sobre poco has sido fiel, sobre mucho te pondré" El Señor de aquellas personas a quienes había dado sus talentos esperaba una inversión de lo que les había dado. Dios nos ha dado una vida, dones y capacidades; es nuestra responsabilidad y llamado moldear, desarrollar, mejorar y usarlo todo, primeramente para traer gloria a Su nombre, en segundo lugar para bendecir y edificar a otros y por último para alcanzar metas personales que sirven para traer estímulo, satisfacción y logro, todo lo cual nos hace ver y sentir útiles en esta vida. Por lo tanto busca, ama, recibe y aplica la instrucción cuando esta está disponible.

LOVE INSTRUCTION, INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Some time ago I was motivated when I saw the attendance of leaders, ministers, and members from our churches at the training and teaching events we have in Falcon and at other programs of the Conference to help people to develop their gifts and be more effective with their ministries and work in the Kingdom of God. I thought about several Scriptures in the book of Proverbs that focus on correction, improvement, and the value of receiving and keeping the instructions we receive by different means.

All of us who serve the Lord in His work must be aware of our need to improve and acquire more knowledge to apply to our personal lives and also to use as principles and procedures in our Christian work. Proverbs contains valuable advice that deserves to be studied, meditated on, and applied to our way of life. Let's discover together some of those pieces of advice I have selected to share with you.

Let's begin with Proverbs 9:8-10: "Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Notice the words, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

There are some things that run through my mind when I read this verse of Proverbs; I allow myself to suggest them as part of some steps toward taking advantage of the time and resources the Lord brings our way to better us in learning and using what we have learned.

1. There is a sense of opportunity we must use to take advantage of those moments that can provide us with true knowledge that is healthy and necessary to apply in our lives. I talk about instructions and lessons that are offered by means of training programs provided by sources like my church and the Conference, besides other resources we can use.
2. You must choose what in truth comes to fill a need and help with the formation of your character and abilities, to improve what you are doing in any role of the life in which God has put you, and also for your service in the kingdom of God. There are many resources, like seminars, books, courses, etc., of which we could take advantage; nevertheless, this does not mean you must take them all, but take those you can; you have an interest in acquiring what helps you to reach the goals of your heart.
3. The resources are available for those who are hungry to be better, to discover the will of God in their lives, and to do what God has called them to do. We cannot ignore that on many occasions what we need is a disposition on our part to learn. We must open our eyes, ears, and minds to receive the lessons the Lord offers us by different means. It is valuable to evaluate from time to time where our focus is, and on what we are concentrating and what we want, but we cannot propose excuses for not being able to take instruction when in fact we need to better organize life for everything we are doing and what truly we desire to be.
4. One of the most valuable aspects of instruction is to develop us to learn and acquire the capacity to help other people in different areas of need. Whether you have to give a class to a group of people or teach certain individuals on a personal level, especially the members of your family, there will always be an occasion to share knowledge with others. You are an instrument in the hands of God to form others; that is the reason you must be prepared. As the Apostle Paul says to Timothy, "… he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the master, prepared for every good work" (2 Timothy 2:21).
5. It does not matter how much knowledge you have or how much you have studied, there is always an opportunity to be better; that's the reason why the words of Proverbs are applicable to whoever has a desire to continue learning, improving, and becoming qualified: "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." This happens because what you receive and learn is influenced by the following factors:

    a. You value the instruction.
    b. You evaluate yourself periodically and discover your needs.
    c. You have awareness that these are times of change.
    d. You use what you learn.
    e. You have a strong, deep desire to be better.
    f. You want to be used by God to help others.
    g. You recognize your need to depend totally on the Holy Spirit.
    h. You open your eyes to the needs and challenges that surround you.
    i. You have a sense of foresight, which helps you to be always prepared.
    j. You have clear goals and a precise direction about what you want.

I finish with the declaration of Matthew 25:21: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things; I will make you ruler over many things." The lord of those servants to whom he had given his talents waited for a bigger investment than he had given them. God has given us life, gifts, and skills; it is our responsibility and call to mold, develop, improve, and use everything, first to bring glory to His name, second to bless and build the lives of others, and finally to reach personal goals that serve to bring satisfaction and profit, all of which makes us see and feel useful in this life. Therefore, look for, love, receive, and apply instruction when it is available to you.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Alice N. Satterfield

Went to Heaven Feb. 21, 2009.

Where Are They Now...?

Rev. Linwood and Jean Conner

At the tender age of nine, a third grader by the name of Linwood stepped forward and gave his heart to the Lord. The evangelist was Mrs. Viola Benson Jarvis, and she was conducting a revival at the Saint Paul PH Church in Greenville, NC. Before the meeting concluded, Linwood had been sanctified, filled with the Holy Spirit, and called to preach.

His family moved to Williamston, NC, when he was in the sixth grade and attended the Williamston PH church. Linwood would tell you that the move was totally in keeping with God's will, for it was there in that church that he met his soul mate and life companion, Jean Nicholson.

Following his graduation from high school in 1955, he enrolled at Holmes Bible College in Greenville, SC, to prepare himself for the ministry, graduating in 1958. Jean also attended Holmes and graduated in 1959. Soon after, they were married on June 28. In a couple of months they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary!

Linwood was granted a license to preach following his graduation from Holmes and was ordained in 1960. His pastoral ministry started the year he was licensed and with the exception of about two years, they have spent their lifetime pastoring twelve churches. Their longest pastorate of eleven years was at **Living Faith Church** in Rocky Mount, NC, where he led in building one of our most beautiful churches... much of it with his own hands. Some of his pastorates were small and unable to pay a living wage, so Linwood made up the difference by working in the building trade to provide for his family. However, Linwood will tell you that ***"of our twelve pastorates, there wasn't a bad one... they all accepted our ministry and were good to us."***

During the earlier years of their ministry, God gave them four beautiful children: **Terrie** (Conner) Callicut of Garner, NC, **Floyd** and **Christopher**, who reside in Greenville, NC, and **Mark**, who passed away at age two. These children have blessed them with six grandchildren, four girls and two boys. They are especially thankful that all of their children and grandchildren are saved and joyfully serving the Lord.

Both Jean and Linwood enjoy exceptionally good health and live in their own home near Williamston. They are still excited about preaching the Gospel, filling in for pastors, and preaching on special occasions when called upon. Linwood likes to say, ***"I am happily on my way to being 100 years old."*** Let's hope he makes it and that some of us are around to preach his funeral!

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT
MAY 4-6, 2009

Special Speaker:

Rev. Jimmy Whitfield

Pastor, First Church
Goldsboro, North Carolina

"Your Work's Not Done"

Did you ever feel that you wanted to hide yourself in a "big" church, sit back, not have any responsibilities, and just worship? Well, if you have tried it, you probably found that it just doesn't work Our calling is not until we officially retire, but until the Lord calls us home. The author of the following poem says it so well. - wtc

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"Dear Lord," I told Him candidly, "I've done my feeble best,
My Christian duty to perform; I've weathered every test.

"I've visited the sick and old; I've taught and prayed and worked;
I've washed and ironed and cooked and cleaned, and rarely
have I shirked.

"I've done my share of weeping, Lord; I've stood beside my graves,
And never did I bitter grow toward Thee, who loves and saves.

"But now I'm getting on, dear Lord; the spring has left my knees.
It's time for younger hands to work; I'd like a life of ease.

"So send me no more troubles, Lord; please, no more times of woe,
Just rosy, happy, carefree days from now until I go."

And then I thought I heard Him say, "My child, your work's not
done.
There's still a battle to be fought; there's still a race to run.

"I didn't falter in My work; I finished the whole task.
The cruel cross, the crown of thorns, no mercy did I ask."

And so I bowed my head in shame, and said, "Dear Lord, forgive!
I'll keep on keeping on for Thee as long as I shall live.

Blue skies or dark and somber ones, I'll sing a song of praise;
Just give me strength and courage, Lord, to stand fast all my
days."

- Ethel Van Pelt

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

CHADBOURN PH CHURCH MOBILE MEDICAL AND DENTAL OUTREACH

What started as a vision has now become a reality: the Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church has introduced a Mobile Medical/Dental Outreach to Columbus County, North Carolina. Through volunteers alone, the outreach provides free screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol. The program also provides free dental examinations and fluoride applications to children from age six months to eighteen years.

The Chadbourn Church has over a dozen medical professionals, including a local physician, registered nurses, dentists, and a pharmacist. Even before a mobile unit was secured, the church established a medical ministry outreach in the fellowship hall, which provided valuable experience for the volunteers. The success of this outreach was inspiring. The Chadbourn Church congregation raised funds to purchase and equip a mobile medical unit. Through grants and contributions by private charitable foundations, the church is able to maintain the mobile unit and purchase much-needed supplies and insurance, ensuring the future of this wonderful outreach program.

In addition to providing basic screenings, a key component of the outreach is educating participants about what they can do to prevent and manage high blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol. Through a complete staff of volunteers, the Mobile Medical/Dental Outreach is scheduled to go out once a month into Columbus County. The goal is to circulate among the county's 15 townships and attend local fairs and festivals. With flying colors, the unit has already completed its first outreach at the local Wal-Mart. Over 50 participants came in for screenings, and 12 children had dental exams and fluoride applications. While no one is turned away, the goal is to reach the poor, the needy and the uninsured.

The Mobile Medical/Dental Outreach is incorporated and in the process of securing 501(c)(3) status. This outreach is funded solely by charitable giving. If you would like to make a donation or if you would like more information, please call 910-445-3854 or e-mail us at trrobbie@embarqumail.com.

N. C. Conference Global Outreach Goal: $310,000

"He Is..." – Eph. 3:20

The annual Great Commission Meals have now been concluded with great success and excitement. We are officially in the Global Outreach promotion season until its conclusion for 2009 with the Global Outreach Celebration service on Sunday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. The following schedule of monthly promotion is intended to assist pastors and local Missions directors, and is full of helpful notes, reminders, ideas, and challenges to help your church and our Conference "Change Eternal Destinies":

APRIL-MAY

- A sincere word of appreciation to the congregation for their 2008 participation and a challenge to "go to the next level" in Global Outreach investment for 2009.
- Is your church's Missions bulletin board display area and Missions promotional table up to date? We can help.
- Promotional items and Missions materials are available from the Conference RDC.
- Explain the concept of "The Day's Wage" and the vital nature of Global Outreach. Be sure to use the coin tubes for your children.
- Use a local testimony about how Missions has been a blessing to the giver.
- **Set a Global Outreach goal for 2009**!
- Consult the *Local Missions Director Manual* for promotional ideas (copies are available through our office).
- Involve and include your children and youth. Educate them to Missions!
- **Pastor**, I challenge you to allot your LMD 10 to 15 minutes for promotion of Missions and GO once a month.

JUNE

- Have you set your **goal**?
- **Monthly promotion** – show the GO video. Use a local testimony about how Missions has been a blessing to the giver.
- Pastor, you're the key! We need your support and encouragement.
- Remember, involve and include your youth and children! Have your adults and youth present a skit to challenge your congregation. Make plans to bring your children and youth to the GO Celebration to present their coin tubes; children will have a special part of the service.
- **Aim** for 100 percent congregational participation in World Missions in awareness, prayer, and support.
- **Idea**: Use the "1 ÷ 8 x 8 = 1" formula: Take a Day's Wage – what you normally make in one day – and divide it by 8 (a normal working day is 8 hours) to get ***one hour's wage***. Then set aside one hour's wage ***once a week*** for eight weeks. At the conclusion of those eight weeks, you will have your GO offering! The Conference promotional gift for "Day's Wagers" is a beautiful picture frame with a digital information display (clock, date, temperature, etc.). The picture frame is available from the Conference RDC World Missions office. Quantities are limited; call us to reserve your picture frames!
- We are now approximately 10 weeks from the GO celebration service.

JULY

- **Goal**?
- **Monthly promotion from the pulpit by pastor and LMD**.
- Note: August 2 and 9 have been designated to receive the GO offering on the local level. Will that work for your congregation? If another system or date works for your church, by all means use it.
- Encourage 100 percent participation. Again, challenge your children and youth with the coin tubes.
- Announce the GO celebration—Sunday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. **Let's fill the auditorium**!

AUGUST

- Final challenges and words of appreciation from the LMD and pastor to the church: **100 percent participation**
- Reminder: GO service – Sunday, August 16
- Prayer for the offering – that great things will be done as it is used
- Thank you, pastors and LMDs, for your diligence!
- Have your offering total or pledge into the Conference World Missions office by Wednesday, August 12.

Investing in Eternity!

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CHURCH EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

Fulfilling the Commission

by Sarah M. Salter, NC Conference CEM Secretary/Bookkeeper

In 2005, when I first began working in the Church Education Ministries department, I was gripped by the mission and purpose of the department and how closely it is in line with the Word of God. That mission and purpose is "equipping the church for its mission to reach the world, in obedience to the Great Commission." To accomplish this purpose, a church must work inwardly (equipping) to prepare for the outward task of fulfilling the Great Commission.

It's exciting to see churches in our Conference that reflect this same mission and purpose. One such church is my own, Whitley Church, in Princeton, NC. Our vision at WC is to "raise up a generation of leaders in our church that will influence their world for Christ." That "raising up" is accomplished by nurturing and training the church family. We worship together and build relationships. Choir member Kathy Lassiter shares that this is what makes the church so special to her. She says, "Whitley Church is a genuine group of people who truly know the meaning of the words *love* and *acceptance*." We work to make our body strong so that we can reach out and bring others into the family of God.

In November 2007, God launched us into a new dimension of ministry. Our leadership felt a strong conviction that God wanted us to take our local ministry to the next level and become a multisite church with multiple worship venues in the Wayne and Johnston County area. We prayerfully opened our first new worship venue, The Bridge. This satellite location was planted in a storefront location in downtown Goldsboro.

From the beginning, The Bridge was a success. The attendance was so high on opening night that it was standing room only. After the newness of the venue wore off, one might have expected that attendance would fall as well. But that hasn't happened. In fact, the attendance and membership have grown so steadily that on May 1, we will have to move to a new, larger facility! We have been able to begin renovating another storefront in Goldsboro. Executive Administrator Jim Gillikin and a loyal group of volunteers from both campuses are diligently working on this project. WC members and Bridge members are uniting for a common cause. They are striving for excellence and see their hard work as an investment in the Kingdom of God.

Future site of the new Bridge Church

Pastor Hardison and volunteers work hard to prepare the new building

Whitley Church and The Bridge share a senior pastor, Ferrell Hardison. When asked about the goings-on at the two campuses, he quotes Andy Stanley: "As a church, if you want to reach people no other church is reaching, you have to do things no other church is doing." And it seems the church is doing a phenomenal job of balancing the basic, solid, biblical truths with new and productive ways of sharing them. WC Office Manager Jamie Cooper stresses that we must remain "a relevant church for a relevant people." Both the main campus and the satellite campus offer their messages on the Internet in a free weekly "podcast." The worship services are an engaging mixture of music, drama, video, fellowship, and the preaching of the Word of God. Moreover, discipleship and fellowship are offered to every person of every age from nursery and children's church to Royal Rangers, Mpact, and youth ministry to singles' ministry, DivorceCare, and small group ministries for adults.

We invite you to come see what God is doing! You can find us on the Internet at www.whitleychurch.com and www.bridgechurch.cc. Our new facility will open on May 1 at 1065 N. Berkley Boulevard in Goldsboro.

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2009 Conference Talent

J .A. Culbreth Memorial Tabernacle in Falcon, NC

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Drama

Dance

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Writing

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Saturday, April 19, 2009

Music

Registration for Teens will begin at 8:30 a.m.; Juniors at 10:30 a.m.
All registration will be held in the lobby of the Tabernacle.

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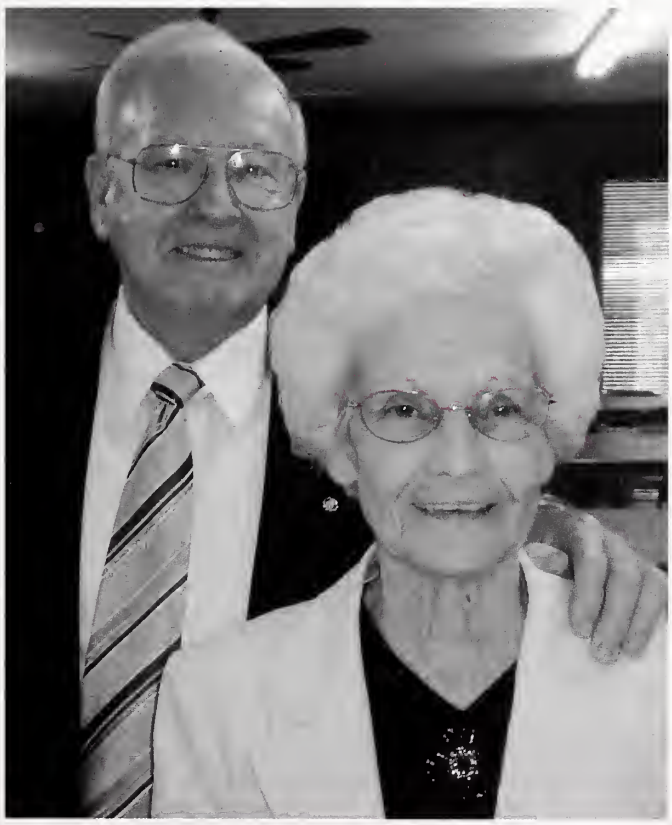
Our Conference Poster Retired Ministers For 2009

We are pleased to present to our conference our **Poster Retired Ministers for 2009, *Rev. L. B. and Elizabeth Collins.*** These two servants of God have made an indelible imprint on the lives of thousands of people over the course of their long ministry.

Lindbergh (L. B.) Collins was born on a farm near Lillington, NC, on June 4, 1927. He is the ninth of ten children born to W. M. and Mary Collins. His mother was a devout Christian and is remembered by many as a "woman of prayer." She died at the age of 54 from cancer when L. B. was only 13 years old. L. B. loved his mother, and during her last year he spent much of his time caring for her. His father worked for the NC Department of Prisons guarding prisoners who worked the roads. Life was not easy for him after his mother's passing, but in time his father remarried and brought into the family a stepbrother and -sister whom he learned to love.



When L. B. was 16 years old (1943), he visited his sister Alice, who lived in Fuquay-Varina. While there he went with her to the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church. ***In a wonderful moving of the Spirit, his sister encouraged him to give his heart to the Lord, and there that night he yielded his all to the Lord.*** Almost immediately he became involved in the church and became a leader in a large group of young people who really loved the Lord. It wasn't long until L. B. yielded to the call of God to preach the Gospel and joined the Full Gospel Tabernacle in 1949.

It was here at the Full Gospel Church that L. B. met his soul mate and life companion, Elizabeth Moore. They were married on December 11, 1944. God blessed this union with three children – a son, who died at birth, and two beautiful daughters, Glenda and Debbie. Sadly, Debbie lost her life in an auto accident in 1983, and her son Jonathan, who suffered injuries in the same accident, died some years later.

"Lib" is a faithful and devoted wife who has supported her husband in his every endeavor through the years. A quiet, petite and unassuming person, she represents the best of pastors' wives. L. B. and Elizabeth will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year.

During the years when their family was growing, L. B. and Elizabeth launched their pastoral ministry. He studied hard and prepared himself educationally. They pastored Full Gospel Tabernacle churches in Fayetteville, Tabor City, and Saint Pauls, NC. ***The pattern of hard work and sacrifice characterized their ministry from the beginning.*** They were never too proud to be bivocational in order to meet the needs of their family and churches.

Always an excellent salesman, promoter, and motivator, he worked successfully as a department head at Sears in Raleigh for 11 years, a job he could have kept for a lifetime. During some of these years he attended the Emmanuel PH Church in Raleigh and served as Sunday school superintendent. An adventurous entrepreneur, he and Lib owned and operated variety stores – in Clayton, Pine Level, and Fuquay-Varina. Without any reason other than wanting an opportunity to expand his ministry, he transferred as an ordained minister to the NC Conference in 1964.

After transferring to our conference, few have surpassed his record of accomplishments. He is a person of vision and burden, a compassionate pastor, evangelist, and conference leader. His first assignment was the **Stedman Church**, which worshiped in an old frame building with very little room for growth. Here he found some good people willing to be led and a special group of young people ready to be won to the Lord.

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Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Ministerial (Clergy) Credentials

We are entering that time of the year when we see more activity in the pursuit of ministerial (clergy) credentials. The North Carolina Conference Examining Committee will meet on Thursday, May 28 and Friday, May 29. On both days the activities will begin at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The focus on Thursday is the Conference basic license (evangelist, pastor, music, and church education). The focus on Friday is ordination, though special arrangements may be made to switch the days for any individual.

To receive credentials and be recognized as clergy is a sacred honor. The Word of God tells us – "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15)

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church has recognized from her beginning that there must be a "call" to carry the title of clergy. Only the Holy Spirit issues this call. Dad, Mom, Grandpa, Grandmother, nor any other individual can make this call.

The purpose of training and interviews is not only to prepare the individual for ministry but also to affirm the call. In the process of studying and with the proper preparation, an individual may perfect his/her calling.

From the very beginning the International Pentecostal Holiness Church has recognized that both men and women may receive the call. Some have problems with woman preachers. I do not! The women were the first to carry the resurrection message. If one has a problem with women preachers, he should close his eyes and let the spirit man preach. The spirit man is neither male nor female.

There are four basic clergy certificates in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The first is the Local Church Minister's Certificate. This certificate is awarded to those who have completed four training courses and have received a positive response from the interviewing committee. The recipients of this certificate are responsible directly to a local pastor for their ministry.

The second credential is the basic Minister's License. Those who are awarded this license have mastered ten training courses and received a positive response from the Conference Examining Committee and/or Conference Board. This license has several divisions: pastor, evangelist, music, youth, church education, etc. At this level one actually becomes a member of the Conference.

The third credential is that of Ordination. The recipient must have ministered successfully for two years after licensing. He or she must have mastered twenty courses beyond the license level. There must be a positive response of the Conference Examining Committee and/or Conference Board.

The fourth credential is that of Ordained Missionary. Such a person is an ordained minister who has been approved as a missionary by the World Missions Board. Special note: Several carry the title of missionary who do not carry the title of clergy.

What are the steps to credentials? The first step is to talk to and be approved by the local International Pentecostal Holiness pastor. The potential candidate must be a member of an International Pentecostal Holiness Church. The next step is to complete an official application with the North Carolina Conference. Such may be received from the superintendent's office. Upon receipt of the application, the superintendent will give any personal directions and ultimately give the candidate permission to begin study officially. Every candidate must be recommended by at least one International Pentecostal Holiness Church clergyperson (licensed or ordained) and at least two other individuals. Everyone must furnish an up-to-date credit report, and a criminal background check will be done.

Those who have been divorced themselves or their spouses will have to appear before a committee of the Conference Board. The purpose of this interview is to determine if the divorce or divorces meet the criteria of the Bible and *International Pentecostal Holiness Church Manual*. This committee offers a recommendation to the Conference Board for final approval. (This process is one reason the application must be submitted early in the process. No one desires to get down the road in the process and then be refused on an issue that should have been handled early on.)

The training courses necessary for any credential may be completed in several ways. One may attend one of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church colleges or other approved college. One may attend the Conference School of Ministry. The School of Ministry meets for ten months of the year in Falcon on a monthly Friday night–Saturday. This is an excellent program and is open to every believer. The cost is minimal.

One may also do self-study, though this is the least productive method. In this process, a student reads the approved books, completes a study guide, and then successfully passes a test furnished by the Conference office.

All the International Pentecostal Holiness Church ministers have gone through these processes. Those who transfer in are allowed to do so to on equal level with the International Pentecostal Holiness Church program. Careful attention is given to records, etc.

Following is a more detailed and simplified list of the credential level and qualifications. Anyone having any questions should call the superintendent's/bishop's office.

The Lord has called and given many special clergy to the North Carolina Conference. Presently we have over 600 individuals who are carrying some level of credentials. They are men and women, young and old, and of many different ethnic groups. It is a personal pleasure of mine to work with them, supervise them, pray for them, and to work with them to do the work of the Lord.

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CREDENTIALS

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LOCAL CHURCH CERTIFICATE:

- Application
- Application Fee of $25
- Recommendation from church secretary
- Recommendation from pastor
- Recommendation (personal choice)
- Must be a member of the IPHC
- Must have read the Bible through
- 1.02 *Manual*, *Light for Journey* course required
- 1.04 History course required
- 2 Other Tests – 1.01, 1.03 preferred
- Interview by School of Ministry Committee Interviews begin at 8:00 a.m. each Saturday morning at the School of Ministry. An appointment **must** be made.

LICENSED MINISTER:

- Application
- Application Fee of $25
- Recommendation from a Pentecostal Holiness minister
- 2 other recommendations
- 10 tests completed or equivalent – one must by *Manual/Light for Journey* 1.02; one must be *History Books* 1.04.
- Credit check
- Criminal background check
- Interview with Conference Examining Committee. The Conference Examining Committee meets in May. An appointment **must** be made.

ORDINATION:

- Application (required at time when ready for ordination)
- Application fee of $25
- Recommendation from a Pentecostal Holiness minister
- 2 other recommendations
- 30 tests or equivalent (college student)
- Preferred be baptized with Holy Ghost
- Preferred be actively involved in ministry
- Interview with Conference Examining Committee. The Conference Examining Committee meets in May. An appointment **must** be made.

Special Note: Any candidate who has been divorced and remarried or whose spouse has been divorced and remarried must first meet with the Conference Board Executive Committee to gain permission to start his or her studies.

Reverend Mrs. Pauline Caddell Knowles

October 18, 1929 – March 18, 2009

Please allow me a few lines to describe one of the greatest women and women preachers—in fact, greatest preachers—I have ever met. She was named after the Apostle Paul. She was Reverend Pastor/Evangelist Pauline Knowles.

Sister Knowles was the daughter of Colon and Nettie Garner Caddell. In the earlier years of her life she was afflicted with tuberculosis in both lungs. Twenty-seven months of her life were spent in the McCain Sanatorium at McCain, North Carolina. While in the sanatorium she was saved in 1950 and later sanctified. In 1951 she was taken to an Oral Roberts meeting at High Point. There, God healed her through the ministry of Brother Roberts and her pastor, Harvey Johnson, of the Wilmington First Church.

On returning home she was baptized in the Holy Ghost and called to preach. In 1954 she received her mission worker's license. She joined the conference in 1955 and received her license. She would be ordained in 1975 as one of the first women to be ordained. (Many women had been licensed prior to 1975 but few ordained.) In 1958, Superintendent Eddie Morris assigned her as pastor of the Penderlea Church (now Homestead). In Sister Pauline's own words, "Brother Morris assigned me and died before he unassigned me. Brother Lee was afraid to move me. Other superintendents never moved me either." She pastored that one church nearly 41 years.

On July 28, 1961, Reverend Pauline Caddell married Willie Knowles. Brother Knowles had lost his first wife in a car accident. He had five children—Sandra, Robert, Wilson, Ray, and Marilyn. She had become an instant mother. Later, two other daughters would be born—Kay and Rita. This brought the total to four girls and three boys.

Pastor Knowles and Brother Willie became a great ministry team. Sister Knowles did the preaching. Brother Knowles did most of the driving and administration. He worked closely with the deacons. Together they made a difference, and many souls were born into the kingdom.

I have known Reverend Pauline Knowles since the early 1970s. She was a great pastor and great preacher. I have known many of her children and admired their commitments and talents in the Lord.

Many have been the times Sister Pauline and Brother Willie encouraged Betty and me. They have always been supportive. Never, not one time, has this woman's life been called in question or her church been embarrassed by her actions. I salute her memory.

When the North Carolina Conference Board established a special committee to encourage and further train women preachers, Sister Knowles was asked to serve on the committee. This ministry has since been named Deborah's Daughters. She was a daughter of Deborah. She was a great leader and will be missed. Until her crossing over to assist the Lord in heaven, she remained faithful to her Lord, her calling, her husband, and her family. She will be greatly missed, but her legacy lives on. Praise the Lord!

I was in Arizona when Sister Pauline's celebration service was held. I could not get a flight home in time. Reverend Jim Whitfield, assistant superintendent, spoke at the funeral and represented the conference. He gives this report:

> The funeral service for Reverend Mrs. Pauline Knowles was a holy event. People packed the church, with standing room only, as fellow ministers and family members shared life-changing experiences through the ministry of Sister Knowles. Songs of praise to God and hallelujahs accented the service. We concluded the celebration of her life and ministry by giving God a standing ovation for her life as a gift to the body of Christ. Please pray for Brother Knowles and the family during these days of adjustment.
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> —Assistant Superintendent Jim Whitfield

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Book Reviews

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Christless Christianity: The Alternative Gospel of the American Church

by Michael Horton. Grand Rapids: Baker Publishing, 270 pages.

The prevalence and power of the postmodern worldview knows no bounds, including its powerful influence upon the church, which at the present time seems strangely unable to resist the powerful forces meticulously working against it, for we have seen the enemy, and it is us, the Pharisees of the new millennium. Americans have become adept at changing careers, spouses, churches, and beliefs, and for some, having been drawn by the power of the heretical imperative, prostituting the faith once delivered to the saints. America and the postmodern, emerging church may be the most challenging missionary frontier of our time.

When Rome, the mistress of statecraft, could not conquer the church by sword, chariot, and the cross, she was embraced and married with a most happy union, until which time, the church was no longer useful. When the church yields her true convictions, that's the way it always is in terms of being used and then cast away as useless and no good. Like a bad photocopy of what was once was, the trivialized Christianity of the postmodern world is no longer in pure form. Would the Lord Jesus recognize the church of today as His Church? Why does He stand at the door and knock, seeking to fellowship with those inside? Is Jesus relegated to a coach with a good game plan to make your life richer, better, healthier, and happier?

The cover reveals a picture of the Last Supper with the outline of Christ at His place at the table, but He is not present. Michael Horton makes the case for classical Protestant orthodoxy and shows how our churches and megachurches have "pandered to the culture with Gnostic, Pelagian, moralistic, and self-help heresies bereft of the saving action of Jesus Christ." This book is a wake-up call to the Church at large. Have people who call themselves Christians rejected the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith? We must know what we believe and why we believe it. If evangelicals abandon the pillars of the faith, where will the Church stand, and what kind of message will we proclaim, the "Evangel"? It is a crisis of the greatest magnitude, and yet, some of the church yawns and slumbers over the spiritual threat that will undermine the church of tomorrow.

Make no mistake, however, for whatever unfavorable image one may cast upon the church of today, the true church of Jesus Christ, the one without spot or wrinkle, full of the Holy Spirit and power and truth, marches on under the guidance of the Spirit of God. Our hope of triumph lies in the character, nature, and attributes of God. God never intended to conquer the earth through the church, but through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ many would be called out of the world into the Body of Christ. Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. This kind of Gospel can take a thief on the cross, unfit to live on earth, and make him fit for heaven through Jesus Christ! This kind of Gospel is not simply forgiveness of sins but transformation of one's nature.

According to Horton, we do not have to wait for the formation of a Christless Christianity, for it is already here and is becoming popularized by Brian McLaren, Joel Osteen, Dan Kimball, and others. When people ask, "Whatever happened to sin?" it will not be long before people ask, "Whatever happened to the old-time religion?" The rejection of the historical doctrines, the redefining of redemption, and the reduction of Christianity to good advice is upon us. Is sin falling short of the glory of God or falling short of one's potential? Are Americans good people who need good advice and a Life Coach, or helpless sinners who need the Good News of God?

When Jesus warned in the Sermon on the Mount about the broad way, he was actually referring to the wide highway of human achievement, often clothed in the name of religion. Human goodness is never good enough to save. Noble works, on no matter how grand a scale, cannot place one in a position of deserving heaven. Religious deeds propping up one's own self condemn rather than redeem. Do we begin with Jesus Christ and the Spirit and then end up striving for our own righteousness before God? Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven, the only Savior, and the narrow way means trusting Him alone as Lord and Savior.

Consisting of seven chapters, *Christless Christianity* reveals that therapeutic moralism has "found a home among evangelicals." Self has become sovereign, not God. If it is true that some have turned the Good News into Good Advice, then know this, that those people and churches will give account to God. Modification of Holy Scriptures and watering down the message of the Gospel is serious action. The Gospel is not God's self-improvement plan.

Horton concluded, "A church that is deeply aware of its misery and nakedness before a holy God will cling tenaciously to an all-sufficient Savior, while one that is self-confident and relatively unaware of its inherent sinfulness will reach for religion and morality whenever it seems convenient." Satan rejoices, says Cowper, when he sees lukewarm Christians at ease. Horton contends that we do not naturally assume, like the rich young ruler, we are wretched, poor, blind, and naked. If one trivializes sin, then one will also trivialize the personal need of repentance.

I did not come to God or the church, for that matter, because I was a consumer. I came to God because I was a sinner, guilty, lost, and undone, condemned and in desperate need of a Savior. Like Isaiah, let us admit our own sinfulness and the need of some fiery coals to burn the dross and the sin, which does so easily beset us, and be set free. The Lord longs for and looks for men and women who are broken, contrite, humble, and repentant. After all, the church that Christ returns for is not something He wants to throw away because it is no longer useful. He will come to snatch His Bride away from this sin-cursed world, and where He lives, we shall also be. "To my God, a heart of flame; to my fellowman, a heart of love; to myself, a heart of steel" —Augustine. Happy Reading!

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

May/June 2009

Rev. Tim Creel May 3	***Rev. John Slye*** June 9
Rev. Ralph Leggett May 17	***Rev. Haywood Price*** June 11
Rev. Lee Toler May 19	***Rev. Lester Jarrett*** June 18
Rev. R. N. Hood May 19	***Rev. Ted Johnson*** June 25
Rev. Mrs. Elsie Arthur May 19	***Rev. David Butts*** June 27
Rev. McElree Purifoy May 28	***Rev. Lalleon Narron*** June 29
Rev. Horace Warwick June 1	***Rev. Marvin Whitfield*** June 29
Rev. L. B. Collins June 4	***Rev. Sidney Webb*** June 30

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

(Deuteronomy 31:6)

In the parable of the talents, (Matthew 25:14-40), the servants who were faithful with little pleased their master very much. He then put them in charge of more. When we decide we want to please the Lord and be effective servants for Him, we often start out taking small steps, such as praying every day or committing to a Bible study. As we show faithfulness, we are given more responsibility in the Kingdom, such as serving on a committee, leading a Bible study, or some other work that lines up with the gifts He gave us. We begin to look forward to hearing those longed-for words: "Well done" (Matthew 25:21).

I would like to say, "Thank you," to each of you who have served so faithfully in Women's Ministries. It is because of you that we are able to do all we do, not only in the North Carolina Conference, but also around the world.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming NCWM Convention that will be held in Falcon on Saturday, June 6. Our theme is "Shaped to Serve," and our guest speaker will be General Southeast WM Representative Mrs. Beulah Sturkie. Mrs. Sturkie loves to teach ladies' Bible studies and is a great prayer intercessor. Please plan to join us.

We also want to remind our local WM directors of the Director's Council that will meet on Saturday, May 2, in Falcon.

Remember, "Together we will make a difference." Let's shine in 2009!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- If you're going to a potluck, put an address label on the bottom of your dish. The hostess will know which one belongs to you.
- Make sure your kitchen scale is correct by placing 10 pennies on it. They should weight exactly one ounce.
- Did you forget your clothes in the dryer? Wet a towel, wring out the excess water, throw it in the dryer, and tumble dry with the clothes for another cycle. The moist heat will smooth out the wrinkles.

NCGM Team: Lydia Mills, Wanda Oates, Debra Collins, Crystal Grant

We would like to welcome Mrs. Debra Collins of Wilson, North Carolina, to our Girls' Ministries team. Debra has accepted the position of assistant director. She is very active in the Westmoreland PH Church as well as her community. She has been coordinator for the Missionettes since 2001; she teaches Sunday school and works with their youth program. Her service to the community includes six years with the Wilson County Relay for Life. In 2008 they awarded her Team Captain of the Year. We are excited to have Debra as a part of our Girls' Ministries team. Thank you, Debra, for coming on board!

The Hope Mills Women's Ministries celebrated WM Day on Sunday, March 8. The special speaker was the pastor's wife, Mrs. Frances Bryan. Their theme was "Embrace Today." Local Director Fay Dease is excited about how the Lord is blessing!

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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A Letter to Our Pastors

Dear Pastors,

This month I want to share my heart and vision especially with you. I want you to know that your NC Conference Men's Ministries is here for you. We are in this together. We share a common goal: We are in the business of building His kingdom. So how can we build His kingdom?

I believe we build it one person at a time. If we do it by one, then soon, it is two; then three, and on and on.

Pastors, I want you to know that we are a team. We are committed to joining with you to build His kingdom one at a time. We are so committed to this, that this year, Men's Ministries' theme is **Empowering Men Together**.

Throughout the Bible, the power of God is demonstrated. It is by the power of God that we can do the things we do. By His power can we be saved. By His power can we be healed. By His power can we be delivered. And it goes on and on.

We believe by empowering men together, we can make a difference. That is why we are dedicated to providing a yearly Men's Retreat. We want to serve men by giving them the opportunity once a year to step away from their daily grind and come together to learn from one another just how powerful our living God can be.

At the Men's Retreat, we are encouraged by on-fire, Holy-Ghost-filled, dedicated men of God. We are reminded that we are not in this walk alone; we need one another, and we are there for one another. When we walk away at the end of the retreat, we are renewed, ready to do anything for the kingdom of God.

You see, attending the Men's Retreat helps men learn that they have brothers in Christ across our conference and denomination on whom they can depend. This yearly fellowship binds us together through His power. Many of us have grown closer to one another than we even thought we could be.

Men leave the retreat no longer feeling alone, but feeling part of a team, energized by the power of God. They are eager to get back to their churches and join with their pastors in a renewed effort to build the kingdom of God.

Right now in Men's Ministries, we have about 20 churches represented from our conference. We have just over 200 churches in the North Carolina Conference.

If we can have at least one man from every church in our conference attend Empowering Men Together this year, just look at the size of God's army that would be going out in different directions in our conference!

The power of Jesus would spread into even more communities around us. His kingdom would be able to grow in a greater and more powerful way.

So, pastors, I call upon you to help us make a difference. Please send your men to the Men's Advance in September. If at all possible, come with them.

We promise it will be a blessing to you and your church. We know together we can make a difference—"one at a time"!

For His kingdom and glory,
Ronnie Basden, NC Men's Ministries Director

If you are wondering if God still heals in this day and age, wonder no more. Read this article with an open mind. This is not written by some evangelist, some faith healer, or a famous preacher. It is written by and happened to an ordinary person like most of our readers.

Sunday morning in adult Sunday school class on September 28, 2008, the teacher asked if anyone had a prayer request, and I said yes. My neck and head were hurting, and I needed prayer. Brother Kenneth Dixon prayed for all the prayer requests.

Brother Chester Morris started teaching the class. The Lord started a work in my neck and head. I saw some bright light coming out of the side of my right eye, like something I had never seen before. It looked like a large rolling smoke, light gray in color with cutting, shining knife blades turning every way you could think of. It also reminded me of Genesis 3:24, the flaming sword which turned every way, and 1 Kings 8:11, the middle section of that verse about the cloud of the glory of the Lord. Then I saw something else like a large triangle. The three corners reminded me of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bright and shining, so bright I could hardly look at it.

The Holy Ghost said, "Hurt no more." After that, things started fading away. No more rolling smoke or cutting blades could I see. By this time Sunday school class was over, and we started going up in the choir to sing. I looked over at Brother Frankie York and said, "You know, my neck and head don't hurt anymore!" That is what the Holy Ghost let me see to tell you.

by Brother David E. Barber
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Learning to Write a Personal Prayer

At the Abiding in Him Church family on April 2008 LÌF School of the Spirit began through much prayer and planning. Since April of last year classes have been offered on Tuesday nights, when our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa, has taught us foundational teachings on Assurance of Salvation, Assurance of Victory, Forgiveness, Guidance, Putting Christ First, Love, God's Word, and Prayer. These times of teaching led us to an assignment in which students wrote a prayer of proclamation, declaration, and decreeing. As students of God's Word we have learned that the Word of God is to be written, spoken, prayed, and believed. As God's people we must use the weapons of confessing the Word, prayer, praise, and study. The church must stand and take its place. We exhort pastors and leaders to encourage their people to write personal prayers of confession, proclamation, declaration, and decreeing. As you begin to write and pray them, watch what God will do in your midst.

Below are some written prayers by our LÌF students.

God Has Done a New Thing in Me

I have the mind of Christ. I have perfect peace because my mind is stayed on Him. I take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, casting down every imagination and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. I dwell and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. God is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, and I will not be shaken. God is my refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation. God has given me the shield of victory. I lift my eyes to the hills, where my help comes from, and my help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth. I am guided by the Spirit of God. I shall cry unto God, who performs on my behalf and rewards me. I am the head and not the tail. I am blessed in the city and blessed in the field. Everything I put my hands to prospers. I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ. God has done a new thing in me; He has made a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. I am anointed; I have a special God-ordained purpose. I walk in the favor of God and man. I walk by faith and not by sight. I walk in the peace of God. God has chosen me; I'm holy and dearly loved. I am blessed with all spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus. I am rooted and established in love; I am filled with the fullness of God. I am seated in heavenly places. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. I don't walk in fear but in power, love, and a sound mind. The Lord is my rear guard. The Lord has blessed all the works of my hands, and I lack nothing.

—by Edmee Delgado

Gen. 39:3; Deut. 2:7; 28:3, 13; Is. 26:3; 30:19; 52:12; 53:10; 58:11; Ps. 18:2; 44:7; 62:2; 91:1; 121:1, 2; 1 Cor. 2:9; 5:7; 10:5; Luke 2:52; Mal. 2:6; Col. 3:12; Eph. 1:3; 3:17,19; 1 John 4:4b; 2 Tim. 1:7

God Has a Purpose for Me

When God made me, He said I was good. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. I will believe on the Lord and I shall be saved, and my household. The joy of the Lord is my strength. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? He is an ever-present help in my time of need. I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me! This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad in it. Greater is He who is in me than He that is in the world. He is my provider. God will give me rest. The Spirit of the Lord is on me because He has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor.

—by Christina Shepherd

Gen. 1:31; Is. 54:17; Acts 26:31; Ph. 4:13; Ps. 76:7; 121

I Have a Promise

I will trust in You and find strength. I will soar high on wings like eagles. I will run the race and not grow weary. Through Your divine power, You have given me everything I need to live a godly life. I have received all of this by coming to know You; You are the one who called me to Yourself by means of Your marvelous glory and excellence. You are showing me the way of life, granting me the joy of Your presence and the promise of living with You forever. I know nothing is impossible with You! If my faith is as small as a mustard seed, through You I can tell the mountain to move from here to there, and it will have to move. You have not given me the spirit of fear, but the power of love and a sound mind. You command me to be strong and courageous. I am not afraid or discouraged, for You, Lord, my God, are with me EVERYWHERE I go. Lord, You designed the plans for my life before I was born. They are plans for good and not for disaster. You have given me a future and a hope. As I bring my tithes to the storehouse, there will be plenty of food to supply the needs of the Temple. As I am faithful, You will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing so great I won't have enough room to take it all in. I will try it! I will put You to the test! As I prosper through generosity, I will refresh others and be refreshed by You. I am a blessed and highly favored woman of God.

—by Susan Johnson

Jos. 1:9; Ps. 16:11; Prov. 11:25; Is. 40:31; Jer. 29:11; Mal. 3:8-11; Lu. 1:37; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2 Pet. 1:3

He Is the God of Peace

He made me to lie down in green grass, for He will command His angels concerning me to guard me in all my ways. I will not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving I will present my request to God, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. God is my refuge and my rock, and I grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. The presence of the Lord will go with me, and I will have rest. I will trust in the Lord with all my heart, mind, and soul. With God all things are possible; I will serve God with all my heart. No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper. The fear of the Lord tendeth to life, and He that hath it shall abide satisfied. I commit my ways unto the Lord; I trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass. I have been faithful over a few things; He will make me ruler over many things. I will call on the name of the Lord, and I shall be saved. My household shall serve the Lord. God's grace is sufficient for me. I will obey His voice, and He will be my God.

—by Margarita Rivera

Ps. 18:2; 23:2; 91:11; Pro. 3:5,6; Matt. 19:26; Lu. 2:52; Phil. 4:6,7,13; Ro. 10:9; Acts 26:31

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What Is Your Legacy?

If you were to die today and go to be with our Lord, what kind of legacy would you leave here on earth with your friends and loved ones? Would you be remembered for a life that made a difference in this world or be remembered for just living your life like you wanted and never really reaching out to anyone else? Would you have a happy and peaceful life, or would you be continually searching for something else to satisfy your needs and wants?

A few weeks ago, Chris and I were in Arizona, and I picked up a little book on Native American sayings, and one statement that was passed on was the idea that "...we live our lives with the Seventh Generation always on our minds." In other words, they live their lives in such a way that they can take care of the earth and everything God has given them, in order that the generations that follow will have a better world to live in. If you know anything about the Native Americans, you would know that they are actively trying to pass on their way of life that was passed on to them. They are also teaching their children to speak the language and participate in making the items that they used every day.

We have a tendency just to live moment by moment with no concern whatsoever for tonight, tomorrow, next week, or the distant future. We stay too wrapped up in the moment and don't even think about future plans.

Deuteronomy 11:1, 2, 7-9: "Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, always. And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, His mighty hand, and his stretched out arm.... But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it; and that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey."

Just as with the Israelites, God has promised that if we love and serve Him with all of our hearts, He will more than supply our needs. He just wants our love and faithfulness to Him and to what He has for us to do in this life. God is a good God, and He loves us and deserves so much more than we are willing to give to Him.

I, for one, can say that God has blessed me in many, many different ways, and I could never do enough to repay Him for His everlasting and faithful love to me. My desire is to always love and serve Him in any way that He puts before me.

What kind of legacy will you leave behind when you face the last days of your life? Do you ever think about leaving this world? What kind of relationships will you leave behind? Time is too short to have hard feelings and petty squabbles. God wants us to love our brother or sister, even when he or she is unlovable. He loved everyone He came in contact with; why should we do less?

Luke 9:23-26 reads as follows: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Live out your legacy, and show God and this world we live in that you are a believer in Christ and that you want to share His love and blessings with all that come your way. His sacrifice was so much more than we could ever have to suffer! May God bless you as you serve Him.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

The IPHC Archives in Oklahoma

The IPHC Archives and Research Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has several resources available for you: *The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate* on DVD, 1917-1996; the *General Conference Minutes, 1911-2005* on CD; *Early IPHC Periodicals* on CD, and an *IPHC Centennial Video* on VHS or DVD.

The DVD of *The Pentecostal Holiness Advocate* is on a double-layered DVD or two DVDs at the cost of $149.95. When you consider how many issues and how many pages this includes, this is a great deal for anyone doing research on our Church! It includes a history of the PHC by G. F. Taylor and a history of the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church by J. H. King.

The *General Conference Minutes* CD contains all IPHC *General Conference Minutes* from 1911 to 2005. It also includes a few of the early disciplines and manuals of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church. The cost of this CD is $20.

The *Early IPHC Periodicals* CD is a collection of select issues of *The Holiness Advocate, Live Coals, Live Coals of Fire,* and *The Apostolic Evangel.* This CD shows the transition from holiness bodies to a Holiness Pentecostal denomination, and its cost is $30.

The *IPHC Centennial Video* is a brief history of some of the men, women, and events that have made the Pentecostal Holiness Church the force for God that it is today. The cost for the VHS is $10, and the cost of the DVD is $15.

These items may be ordered online at arc.iphc.org, or the e-mail is archives@iphc.org. These items will also be available for sale at the General Conference in August of this year in Greensboro. An address and phone number for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church Archives and Research Center is as follows: P.O. Box 12609, Oklahoma City, OK 73157; phone: 405-787-7110 ext. 2132; fax: 405-789-3957.

Sometime in the near future, the N.C. Conference Archives needs to pursue getting the N.C. Conference Minutes digitized for easy access so that researchers will be able to look up information from 1898 to the present. This would be a costly project, and it would take hours of time, so I am asking that each of you will pray that this will become reality.

The North Carolina Conference was the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and so many churches and church historians from other conferences have inquired of your Archives here in Falcon because they were once a part of the N.C. Conference. The change came in 1916 when conventions were established for each area of the Church.

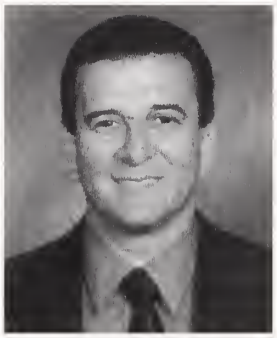
Many of our church people and pastors have been researching their church's history and have to come to Falcon to look up the information. We have *Minutes* that go all the way back to 1898.

We also have the N.C. Conference *Evangel*, along with some of the *Apostolic Evangels* that were printed here in Falcon by G. F. Taylor. The Conference *Evangels* started in 1943 and are still being published each month.

Please help us pray about this project for the N.C. Conference *Minutes* and *Evangels*. If you would like to see these items be more accessible, pray about this and ask God what He would have you do to help us with finances for this project; we would thoroughly appreciate it. This would be a great accomplishment for the N.C. Conference Archives, and it would help many people in their research. It would also help me to be able to look things up in minutes compared to a lot more time spent that could be used for other jobs in the Archives.

Thanks for all that you do to support us. Thank you for the donations of items. If you ever want to get away and change your pace, call me, and we can work out a time to come to the Archives here in Falcon. I do have a lot to do to get ready for Camp Meeting and General Conference. We hope to have some visitors from other parts of the country come to Falcon to visit the Octagon Tabernacle, the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, the Falcon Children's Home, the Golden Years Home, and even the N.C. Conference Archives. I can use some help at any time, but I just need a phone call to give me a heads-up.

May God bless!



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Misioneros en Nuestra Propia Tierra

Sabía usted eso que la iglesia Internacional de Santidad Pentecostal en Carolina del Norte se han convertido en misioneros en Su propia tierra, alcanzando grupos étnicos de otras naciones, que están presentes en U.S.A. Celebramos el hecho de que los hispanos de varios países es uno de esos grupos étnicos entre los cuales se ha estado trabajando, de acuerdo con Mateo 28:19 "Por tanto, id, y haced discípulos a todas las naciones..."

Un grupo étnico o una étnia es una población de seres humanos cuyos miembros se identifican unos a otros, normalmente por el énfasis asumido de una genealogía común o un linaje. Una étnia es también definida por el reconocimiento de otros como un grupo que se distingue por aspectos comunes como el lenguaje, la cultura, la religión, el comportamiento y los rasgos biológicos.

Se supone que hay cerca de 150 o más grupos étnicos en Estados Unidos. Sin embargo, es extremadamente difícil definir ese número en una nación muy diversa como Estados Unidos, debido a la población multiétnica y por el crecimiento anual del número de inmigrantes.

Trabajando para cruzando la Cultura

Hay hacer un trabajo de plantación de iglesias, cruzando la barrera de la cultura, guía a un establecimiento de congregaciones de creyentes auto-gobernantes, auto-sostenibles y auto- propagantes. Iglesias e individuos que cruzan la barrera cultural, son personas que aceptan el llamado a los deberes de plantar iglesias, yendo a la gente fuera de sus entornos culturales, como Cristo mandó en la Gran Comisión (Mateo 28:18-20).

La autoridad Bíblica para las misiones comienza muy temprano en Génesis 12:1-3, en el cual Abraham es bendecido para que a través de él y sus descendientes, todas las "gentes" del mundo fueran bendecidos. Como iglesia de Cristo usted ha sido bendecido por Dios. Hoy usted es una bendición para los grupos étnicos de gentes de otros países, al facilitar el camino para que ellos puedan oír el evangelio.

Cristo es el Señor de la Gran Comisión, el Señor de la predicación del evangelio. El siempre está presente para manifestar su gracia y poder sobre aquellos que predican y también sobre quienes el evangelio es predicado. Esto también es verdadero sobre los hispanos en Estados Unidos de América y especialmente en Carolina del Norte.

Según el departamento de Censo de U.S. la definición de hispanos es para aquellos que se clasifican a sí mismo ser de una de las categorías específicas de origen:

- México
- Puerto Rico
- Cuba
- República Dominicana
- También de Centro América, Sur América, otros países del Caribe y otros países de habla hispana.

Una proyección demográfica dice que para el 2020, los latinos serán el grupo mayoritario de la población en los Estados Unidos. Sabiendo esto, la iglesia local debe buscar integrar la cultura multiétnica de su gente, de tal manera que esta experiencia no solo exprese en sí misma la misión, sino que se convierta en una fuerza que anime, oriente y pueda innovar la organización, basado en una nueva unidad y comunión.

Las tres áreas de concentración que deben ser nuestro enfoque simultáneo en el establecimiento y el crecimiento continuo de la iglesia entre los hispanos y otros grupos de gente en este país.

1. **Evangelismo**
   Todos los miembros deben estar involucrados en compartir su fe en Jesús, con la visión de traer a los perdidos a Cristo.

2. **Establecimiento de Iglesias**
   Los miembros se involucran en un trabajo continuo de establecimiento y crecimiento de iglesias.

3. **Entrenamiento de Líderes**
   Los líderes deben ser descubiertos, entrenados y preparados para tomar las responsabilidades de la iglesia.

La Gran Comisión nos mueve para buscar la contextualización del mensaje del evangelio –vino nuevo en odres nuevos. Dios delegó autoridad a Su iglesia para alcanzar al mundo para Cristo. Dios capacita a los hombres para que hagan esta obra, al darles a ellos las habilidades para ministrar y evangelizar (Ef. 4:11), equipando la iglesia para cada buena obra en esta tarea.

Como Pentecostales viviendo en comunidades individuales, somos llamados para compartir el amor y la gracia de Dios, proveyendo un lugar espiritual donde la gente se une para reconocer a Cristo Jesús, Señor de todos (Romanos 10:12).

Etnocentricidad, y aún el racismo, son barreras tremendas para un ministerio efectivo en el trato con gente de otras culturas diferentes a la nuestra. Debemos enfocarnos en el ministerio del perdón y la compasión por toda la gente, conscientemente entendiendo las

diferencias culturales y tolerar esas diferencias aun cuando son difíciles de aceptar. Debemos tener amor por otros, orar por ellos y estar dispuestos a ayudarlos. Podemos identificarnos con otros, aun cuando no seamos como ellos.

EL ES EL QUE NOS DA:
Visión
Compasión
Poder
Una puerta abierta
Nos impulsa a la acción

Levantémonos y alcancemos a todas las gentes para Cristo y de esta manera cumpliremos con lo que la Biblia dice: "Verá el fruto de la aflicción de su alma, y quedará satisfecho; por su conocimiento justificara mi siervo justo a muchos, y llevará las iniquidades de ellos." Isaías 53:11

Missionaries in Our Own Land

Did you know that the International Pentecostal Holiness Church has become a missionary in its own land, reaching ethnic groups from other nations that are present in America? We celebrate the fact that the Hispanic group is one of those ethnic groups among whom the church is working; according to Matthew 28:19, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations…"

An ethnic group or ethnicity is a population of human beings whose members identify with one another, usually on the basis of a presumed common genealogy or ancestry. Ethnicity is also defined from the recognition by others as a distinct group and by common cultural, linguistic, religious, behavioral or biological traits.

It is supposed that there are about 150 or more ethnic groups in the United States. However, it is extremely hard to define such a number in a melting pot nation like the United States due to multiethnic populations and annually increasing number of immigrants.

Cross-Cultural Work

Church planting by doing a cross-cultural work leads to the establishment of self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating assemblies of believers. Cross-cultural churches and individuals are persons who accept the call of church-planting duties to go to people outside their culture, as Christ commanded in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Biblical authority for missions begins quite early in Genesis 12:1-3, in which Abraham is blessed so that through him and his descendants, all the "peoples" of the world would be blessed. As the church of Christ, we have been blessed by God; today we are blessing ethnic groups of people from others countries by facilitating the way for them to hear the Gospel.

HE IS the Lord of the Great Commission, the Lord of the preaching of the Gospel. He is always present to manifest His grace and power among those who are preaching and to the people where the Gospel is being preached. That is true among the Hispanic people in the United States and in North Carolina.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the definition of Hispanics is "those who classify themselves in one of the specific Hispanic origin categories":

- Mexican
- Puerto Rican
- Cuban
- Dominican
- as well as Central American or South American (Spanish-speaking countries).

One demographic projection says that by 2020, Latinos will make up the majority of the population in the United States. Knowing this, the local church must seek to integrate the multiethnic culture of its people in such a way that this experience not only expresses itself in its mission, but becomes a force that animates, orients, and innovates the faith-based organization to create a new unity and communion.

These three areas of concentration are the simultaneous focus in the establishment and continuous growth of the church among of ethnic groups of people from others nations:

1. **Evangelism**
   All members are to be involved in the sharing of their faith in Jesus Christ, with a vision to bring the unsaved to Christ.

2. **Church Planting**
   Members are involved in the ongoing establishment and growth of the church.

3. **Leadership Training**
   Leaders within the ethnic group must be trained and prepared to take the responsibilities of the church.

The Great Commission moves us to seek to contextualize the Gospel message—new wine for new wineskins. God delegated authority to His church to reach the world for Christ. God enables men to carry out this work by giving them abilities to shepherd and evangelize (Eph. 4:11), equipping the church for every good work in this task.

As Pentecostals living in individual communities, we are called to share God's love and grace, providing a spiritual place where people can come together to recognize Jesus Christ, Lord of all (Romans 10:12).

Ethnocentricity, or even racism, is a tremendous barrier to effective ministry in dealing with people from other cultures. We must focus in ministry on forgiveness, compassion for all people, awareness and understanding of cultural differences, and tolerance for these differences even when they are hard to accept. We must have compassion for them, pray for them, and be willing to help them. We can and must identify with them, but we are not just like them.

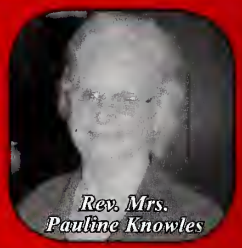
THE LORD GIVE US:
Vision
Compassion
Power
An open door
And move us to action

Let's reach all people for Christ, and in this way we will accomplish what the Bible says: "He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities" (Isaiah 53:11).

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director



Rev. Mrs. Pauline Knowles

Went to Heaven March 18, 2009

Where Are They Now...?

Reuben and Marie Batchelor

On October 7, 1961, a tall, slim, and promising young preacher took the hand of his beautiful bride, Marie, in holy matrimony. His name was Reuben, a 21-year-old who clearly remembered giving his heart to the Lord when he was just 14 years old and receiving a definite call to the ministry at age 16. His young bride was as committed to his call as he was, and together they set out to fulfill God's will. In the following few weeks, Reuben began preparing for his minister's license, and on August 8, 1965, he was ordained in Falcon, North Carolina.

Even though Reuben had been preaching for several years before his marriage, his first pastorate was at Taylor's Chapel, a rural church located near Henderson but in the NC Conference. He pastored here for 7 years, never thinking at the time that he would later return and pastor this same church for an additional 23 years. He attended Holmes Bible College for a year before returning home to reenter the pastorate. For the next 10 years he ministered at 3 other churches – Beaufort, Vaughn's Chapel, and Alert. When he returned to Taylor's Chapel the second time, he led the church in building one of the most beautiful and commodious sanctuaries in our conference. Under his leadership, every church he pastored grew as souls were won and added to the Kingdom.

Marie and Reuben are a "singing couple" and have recorded five CDs through the years. (Reuben concedes that Marie is the real musician in the family!) They continue to bless people with their duets and solos. Marie has always worked side by side with her husband in every pastorate, but in 2006 she was issued her minister's license and was ordained at the 2008 Annual Conference in Falcon.

The Batchelors make their home in Nashville, NC, and worship at the Living Faith Church in Rocky Mount when not engaged in ministry elsewhere. They are as committed to doing the work of God as ever and enjoy singing and preaching the Word.

They are the proud parents of two children, Kinberly Marie (Eatmon) and Jonathan Vance. They have one grandson Patrick Eatmon.

(L. B. & Elizabeth Collins, continued)

The church exploded with growth, and in six short years land was purchased, a church built and a parsonage renovated. In 1970 he was assigned the **Fuquay-Varina Church**, another outdated building with attendance below 20. ***When he left in 1977, land had been purchased on which a new church, a fellowship hall, and class rooms had been constructed.*** While there, he was appointed ***Conference Evangelism Director on a part-time basis*** and served in that capacity for six years.

At the 1978 Annual Conference L. B. was appointed ***Conference Evangelism Director full-time***, a position he held for eight years. During this time he served on the ***General Evangelism Board of the IPHC***. Under his leadership new churches were planted, established churches were revived, and many souls were won to the Lord.

His next challenge was **Grace Community Church** (now *"Abiding in Him"*), where in 1985 he found only a handful of worshipers. When he left, ***a new church was standing on a beautiful piece of land***, the results of hard work and sacrifice. Then on to **Benson** L. B. went, where he was used to change the ***spiritual atmosphere and looks of the church both inside and out!***

After their official retirement in 1997, he was requested to "fill in" at the **Bailey Church** until a pastor could be found. He "filled in" for five years and while there ***built a new fellowship hall.*** His services were needed by a fellow pastor who was experiencing a difficult physical problem, so he went to the **Hope Mills Church** and pastored it for six months. While the pastor's health improved, the ***church grew and was spiritually blessed.*** And finally, the church fellowship that led him in his early spiritual growth and development needed his help. With permission from the conference, he was elected to pastor the **Full Gospel Church** in Coats, NC. The pattern of spiritual growth and expansion that had characterized his ministry through the years continued. For the past six years he has led this church in ***many physical improvements and even purchased adjoining property for future expansion***.

L. B. and Elizabeth Collins never accepted second best in their work for the Lord, nor were they willing to settle for the status quo. Eternity alone will reveal the good they have done and the many lives they have touched and won to His kingdom. **It is with pleasure that we have chosen them as our Poster Retired Ministers for the year 2009, an honor well deserved!**

MAY IS RETIRED MINISTERS MONTH – HAVE YOU INVITED A RETIRED MINISTER TO YOUR CHURCH LATELY?

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Higher Ground PH Church

World Missions Sunday
March 1, 2009

On March 1, 2009, Higher Ground Pentecostal Holiness Church, in Ahoskie, North Carolina, was pleased to have our Conference World Missions Director, Rev. Danny Nelson, as our guest speaker. Rev. Nelson led us in the morning service. After the service he, his daughter Nicole, and his son-in-law John Turransky joined the church in the Family Life Center for a special chili cook-off.

This special fund-raiser for World Missions was hosted by the Men's Fellowship. Eleven of the best cooks in the church—all men (pictured above)—put their cooking skills to the test.

John, Nicole, and Rev. Danny were the special judges for the cook-off. All the judges agreed that it was really hard to choose who had the best chili! All of the men did a good job but…

1st place went to Bro. Harry White

2nd place went to Bro. Paul Askew

The funds raised by this special event were **$766.22** for Word Missions and pledges made to Faith Commitment totaling **$206** a month. To God be the glory! We would like to thank all of our Higher Ground men for all of their hard work, and a special thank you goes to our Higher Ground Church family who supported their efforts.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 28:19

Gordon Knox
Local Missions Director
Higher Ground PH Church

Global Outreach Celebration

Sunday, August 16, 2009-5:00pm
Campmeeting Auditorium

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Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

Sunday Night Sunday School at the First Church

by Bill Rose, Associate Pastor of the First Church in Goldsboro

In April of 2004, we moved our existing Sunday morning Sunday school to Sunday night. We meet each Sunday night from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to invite God's Word into our daily lives. On the first Sunday of each month, at the conclusion of class time, we have a 30-40 minute fellowship time in our Ministry Training Center. The room is filled with conversations about classes and the excitement of people making new friends.

We transitioned from the traditional Sunday school time to Sunday night as part of a change of format on Sundays. We needed to move to two morning services if we were to continue to reach more people. We also knew that to squeeze Sunday school between 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. worship services was going to be unfair to both teachers and students. Our Sunday evening service had needed some revitalizing, so we thought this was a good time to make the shift. We are currently averaging around 320 on Sunday night. Before the change, we were averaging around 225 in Sunday school and 180 in our Sunday night service.

There have been several advantages of the change: We are touching more people since the change of format. Our attendance has increased over 30 percent in Sunday school. The new format has also allowed us to focus on one big thing at a time. On Sunday mornings we are able to put all of our energy into the worship services and connecting with new families. On Sunday night we are able to give focused attention to the learning and discipleship aspect of our ministry.

A full hour of class time on Sunday nights also gives us the time to offer a new approach to learning. We are launching a 21st-century version of Sunday school and small groups with the latest innovative learning tools available to help make learning exciting and memorable.

Our children are learning through a hands-on Bible curriculum, in which they build an object to take home while they learn the lesson. It incorporates hearing the truth, seeing it visually illustrated, and learning by doing with a hands-on craft. In our adult classrooms, we are using interactive DVD technology, which allows us to bring experts like John Ortberg, Dave Ramsey, Andy Stanley, Anne Graham Lotz, Max Lucado, Chip Ingram, Beth Moore, and Bill Hybels into our classroom each week. A teacher spends about 8 to 10 minutes introducing the main theme of the lesson. An expert on video then teaches about 20 to 30 minutes. The teacher then leads the group in a 20-minute discussion and application time.

Classes are being offered on every grade level through middle school, with discipleship classes for high school and college students. We have specialized classes like Money Management, Parenting, Divorce Care, Addiction Recovery, Singles, Bible Doctrines, Intercessory Prayer, Married Life, New Members, as well as classes for Young Adults, Midlife, Singles (40 and up), and Jolly Seniors. We also offer a leadership development course for our department leaders and ministry staff.

At the First Church it is not about when Sunday school is happening that is leading to its revitalization but rather what is happening: what is happening on the campus, in the classrooms, and in the hearts and lives of everyone who comes to learn and to grow. It's thrilling to watch people of all ages experience the power of God's Word speaking into their lives, and to watch people meeting new people in the fellowship time and developing new relationships!

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Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.
–Genesis 1:11-12

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

Mrs. Annie Mae Todd

October 28, 1915 – April 1, 2009

Annie Mae Todd was one of the most special ladies I have ever known. I cannot remember the first time I met her. Possibly it was when I was a teenager visiting the Oak Street Church in Goldsboro. Her husband, Thurman O. Todd, would have been the pastor.

Betty and I really got to know her when we moved to Falcon in 1986. She was present at every North Carolina Conference function and every district function. She was a lady of the faith! She loved her Lord and loved the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Miss Annie Mae Floyd became the wife of that great preacher-pastor T. O. Todd on September 14, 1935. They remained husband and wife until August 15, 1983. They were married nearly 48 years. From the time they married until early 1976, she served as a pastor's wife, and pastor's wife she was. She supported her husband well. She chose her lot of ministry to be a pastor's wife and a mother of their three children – Barbara, Thurman, and Brenda.

Everyone who knew Annie Mae Todd loved her. She was so encouraging. She always had a good word. The older she got, the more she smiled. Grounded in the faith she was. She knew the Word of God and believed the Bible as a full-gospel book.

After the death of her husband, she made her spiritual home at the First Church in Goldsboro. She loved her pastor and thought he was the "first pastor at the first church."

Together Brother and Sister Todd served the following pastorates: Hope Mills, Oak Ridge, St. Pauls, Roper, Bethel, Abbottsburg, Boardman, Kenly, Moore's Chapel, Niagara, Beaufort, Morehead City, Harkers Island, Rocky Mount, New Bern First, Whiteville, Scotland Neck, Roanoke Rapids, Oak Street (now First Church), Wilmington First, and Wilson First. Reverend Todd served 21 years on the conference board. He was assistant superintendent for two years.

This fine lady will be greatly missed. Betty and I will miss seeing her at camp meeting and the Retired Ministers' events. She would always seek us out. She always reminded me so much of my own mother – kind, stately, dignified, sweet, soft-spoken, but powerful in the Lord.

Betty and I were grieved when we missed her home-going celebration. We were out of the country in Costa Rica ministering for the Lord. I will certainly apologize to her personally in heaven. She will lovingly expect me to do so.

D. Chris Thompson, Bishop
North Carolina Conference
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Eulogy to Mrs. Annie Mae Todd

Acts 16 introduces us to a lady by the name of Lydia from Thyatira. Lydia spent her life as a dealer in purple. She was a merchant of expensive purple cloth (Acts 16:14, NLT). High-quality purple cloth in that day was worth its weight in silver. Lydia invested her life and resources in that which was of the greatest value. Annie Mae Todd gave her life to the most precious things in life – things worth their weight in silver.

Four facts about Lydia of Thyatira were especially true of Sister Todd: (1) she worshiped God; (2) her heart was open to the Lord; (3) she attended to, or gave attention to, the Word of God (v. 14); (4) she was faithful to the Lord (v. 15).

I have had the privilege of pastoring Sister Todd for 27 of her 33 years of retirement. She and Brother T. O. Todd were an excellent pastoral team for many years. They pastored 21 churches at a time when pastors were assigned each year. Pastoral assignments later were for two years. Sister Todd went with her preacher man wherever the Lord and the conference assigned them.

She stood with Brother Todd as he also served as a board member of the North Carolina Conference for 21 years. Two of those 21 years, he was the assistant superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. Brother and Sister Todd were two of the most respected people in the North Carolina Conference.

I was her pastor as she went through the last sickness and then the passing of Brother Todd. I was able to get glimpses of her faith as she made her way through the grieving process. Her faith kept her during that trying time.

Mrs. Todd never lost her love for ministry. She taught Sunday school, visited the sick and shut-ins, cooked for grieving families, and attended conferences and camp meetings to the very end. She was indeed a worshiper of God.

Her heart was ever open to God. She gave great attention to the Word of God. She was faithful to the Lord. She spent her life on things worth their weight in silver. She would often say, "When ministry is over for me, I'll be ready to go," and she was. She really was. It was an honor to have her in this congregation.

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by Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Faith Family Worship

A New Day

On Sunday morning, April 26, 2009, Betty and I were blessed with a delightful task. We traveled to Faith Family Worship (formerly called Vicks Chapel), located at 4839 Redman Road outside of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, for dedication day.

What a miraculous and blessed day awaited us. The new church building was dedicated. It is a beautiful new building of 12,000 square feet and has a sanctuary that will seat 296. Five classrooms and a nursery are in the church. There is a pastor's study and conference room. In addition, there is a commodious fellowship hall with attached kitchen. All the rooms are under one roof and work off a horseshoe arrangement. The sanctuary has a large platform with a choir area. There is a sound room and media room.

I believe this is one of the best designs I have seen. It is beautiful but very functional. The front entrance opens into a large foyer with welcome center and two full bathrooms off to the side. A cross is formed in the tile floor.

Pastor Gerald Parker, his wife, Stella, and the leadership team are to be commended for a job well done. Sister Stella Parker is an artist. She hand-painted a beautiful mural that hangs over the baptistery. It is huge, containing several scenes of the life of our Lord. Each bleeds into the next.

Work began on the actual building in the fall of 2007. It has taken a good time to complete the building primarily because the work was donated. What the church people could not do, Pastor Parker recruited. Workers came from far and near to help. Thousands upon thousands of dollars were saved.

Faith Family is an excellent example of how a church can be revitalized. On one of my first trips to the church over 20 years ago only 7 were present. On dedication Sunday approximately 250 were present. Yes, many of these were visitors, many of whom had given labor and funds to the church. Many were present because they wanted to see what the people who sold all those BBQ pork and chicken plates had done. The church has grown tremendously over the years and is now averaging 57 in morning worship.

The church began as Vicks Chapel. Brother Henry Vick and family had given the land for the first church. In recent years the church decided to change the name to be more closely identified with the vision.

Pastor Parker has always been a man of vision. At the dedication he told how the Lord had executed his vision and brought focus to it. He and the church leadership attended the first Model Church program sponsored by the conference Evangelism Department. The meetings were held in the Whitley Church near Princeton. Dr. Owen Weston and Director Danny Nelson made a site visit. The rest is history.

The church began to grow. Five acres of land were purchased next to the church. Long-range plans were made for a new building. The church went to work. With the assistance of the Ministerial and Church Extension Loan Fund in Falcon a new church has been constructed. History has been made.

The road to today has been long. Many sacrifices were made, but the pastor and members did not give up. There were problems. Some did not follow the vision, but most did. A beautiful house of God is the result. Even better are the house of faith and the presence of the Lord that lives within their hearts. Many have been saved. Lives have changed. Families have been brought back together. Jesus has been lifted up.

I cannot help but wonder how many more Faith Families are out there. Yes, the North Carolina Conference is starting and desires to start new churches. (Praise the Lord some 54 have started up in the last 3 years.) But we also desire to see churches revitalized. Churches can be renewed. They can grow! Faith Family is a good example.

It takes a vision of God through the pastor to the people. The people must pray through as well and see the future. They must be open to see what has never been seen before. They must be willing to follow where they have never gone before. They must be willing to work, witness, and worship. There must be life, His life, in the services.

The church must be willing to invite and embrace new people. Members must be willing to share ministry opportunities. Leadership must be willing for others to come to the table.

For most situations there must be a strong, dedicated, and committed pastor. He must release the people to work and minister. He must allow people to be themselves and be involved in every aspect of the church. The church is not one but many.

May the Lord give us many more such churches to be revitalized. Churches do not have to stay small. They can grow. It is all right to grow and reproduce. In fact, it is normal.

May the Lord give us many more such pastors as Gerald and Stella Parker. May His will be done.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Navy Intelligence Commander Ronald Dexter Parker, who has recently been promoted to Captain (the rank just below Rear Admiral).

His new job at the Pentagon helps provide intelligence information to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

CDR Parker is the son of retired missionaries and N. C. Conference retired ministers Jettie and Susan Parker.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

June/July 2009

Rev. Horace Warwick ..... June 1	Rev. Sidney Webb ..... June 30
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Book Reviews

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The Future of Justification: A Response to N. T. Wright

by John Piper. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway Books. 239 pages

Paradigm shifts and new perspectives in theology have historically proven to be somewhat ambiguous, spurious, and at times dangerous. Tweaking Scripture or the meaning of Scripture contains within it the seed of personal and divine judgment. We must always remember, "God is not mocked!" Theological distortions, no matter how miniscule and "insignificant," become very large and could put guilt-ridden souls at risk of believing something that has a morsel of truth but enough demon-inspired poison to kill and destroy. Where the doctrine of justification is lost, churches and nations perish!

The contemporary church needs more clarity of Bible truth, not some "paralyzing sense of perplexity," and more reliable voices that stand up and defend the faith once delivered to the saints, not fewer. The health of the church depends on preachers possessing the meaning and message of the true Gospel.

This book by John Piper is not casual reading. It teems with precise language and careful articulation, which are necessary for any true sense of defense. He is God's gift to the church. We should be grateful for his bold stand for all of God's truth.

N. T. Wright, a British New Testament scholar and the Anglican bishop of Durham, England, is considered by many to be a great ecclesiastical leader and Christian advocate. Make no mistake; he is no theological misfit masquerading as some theological know-it-all. His writings deserve careful scrutiny. At issue here is the role of our own obedience (works) in relationship to justification. Is justification based on the life of obedience that we live in the power of the Holy Spirit? Does justification declare or make something happen? What's at stake is the understanding of Christian righteousness.

The gospel of Jesus Christ must be understood, as the faith that saves is a faith that clings in dependence upon the God who justifies. Man cannot "justify" himself by his good works or earn his way to heaven. God the justifier of the unsaved is the object of saving faith, not good works. If a good man considers himself to be good enough to save himself from his sins, does he not by his very attitude and actions reveal himself to be a "bad man"? It is idolatry when man gives to himself what belongs to God and God alone. Justification by faith, by its very definition and own parameters, excludes human boasting.

Wright contends that the message of justification by faith would not have been the message Paul would have preached, for example, to the puzzled, pleasure-seeking, promiscuous pagans of Corinth. Yet the heart of the Gospel is the remission of sins accomplished by Jesus Christ when He bore our sins in His body on the tree! The basis of justification is not covenant keeping by the Christian, but the merciful, meritorious work of the sinless Jesus Christ crucified on the Cross, buried, and raised from the grave. A so-called justifying faith that "justifies" based on supplemental meritorious human works is a no-good faith and should be wholeheartedly rejected. The God-glorifying gospel has nothing to say to the sinner who is not broken and contrite over his or her sins and who seeks redemption or eternal qualification through the efforts of self. What it does say is that by His stripes we are healed, and the exchange is made: stripes to Him, health to us.

Jesus Christ competes with no rival saviors. He is the only Savior, the one mediator between God and man. Faith in Him alone saves. God's righteousness is counted as ours through Jesus Christ. Without Him, we are not and cannot possibly be saved. Redemption comes only through Jesus Christ. We need seek no other blessed Redeemer! Be your own judge of Wright's words when he wrote, "When Paul looks ahead to the future and asks, as well one might, what God will say on the last day, he holds up as his joy and crown, not the merits and death of Jesus." Does he infer that the good and great works of Paul and his many converts become his joy and crown instead of the merits and death of Jesus?

When we all get to heaven clothed with light and crowned with rays, will we gather in the great paradisiacal assembly and spend the first thousand years boasting about our great achievements and successful ministries, therefore earning the right to one of the golden thrones? God forbid such a thought. God has not destined us to His wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us. Yes, Jesus died for us, and had He not died, we would still be in our sins and have only the Lake of Fire to look forward to forever. The redeemed offer praise and glory to the sole Redeemer.

The doctrine of justification shall live on earth as it remains biblical and historically aligned with the faith once delivered to the saints. If we put no difference between justification wrought by the Man Jesus Christ and our own works, then justification will be lost in the morass of fallacious and duplicitous teachings that cannot save even a mouse, let alone a human soul. No wonder Paul declared, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." The Paul who died lived, and the life he lived was by the faith of the Son of God, who loved him and gave himself for Paul. And this Paul with glorified tongue shall spend time talking and gloating about his human success and earthly stats? Salvation by grace to God's glory alone shall go on forever as a reminder of just how great and gracious and glorious God truly is. Happy Reading!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know" he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

As Mr. Henry and I travel by commercial airlines, we've become familiar with the flight attendant's preflight instructions. Fasten the seat belt by placing the small metal end into the buckle. Raise your tray table. Stow all carry-on luggage. And then there's the unlikely-event warning. If the cabin loses air pressure, air masks will magically appear out of nowhere. You are instructed to place the mask over your mouth and nose then breathe normally. And there's an additional part of the unlikely-event instruction. If you are traveling with a small child or someone needing special assistance, you are instructed to put your mask on before you place the mask over the mouth and nose of the child or person needing help. Now that makes sense, doesn't it? You cannot help another person in need if you are not secure yourself.

In Women's Ministries we have a responsibility as leaders to help each other grow in Christ. Many of our women are still growing in the Lord. At our Director's Council meeting in May, NCWM Assistant Director Janice Marshburn shared with us ideas to "Spiritually Motivate" our women. We also discussed ways to boost attendance and promote community outreach. Our theme was "Embracing Ideas for Today." NCWM local directors gather once a year to share ideas and help one another in Women's Ministries. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a great day in the Lord!

Remember, "Together We Can Make a Difference."

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Crayon marks on the walls? Try a damp rag, dipped in baking soda. Marks come off with little effort.
- To get rid of itch from mosquito bites, try applying soap on the area, and you will experience instant relief.
- Coffee filters make excellent covers. Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave.

WM Day at Emmanuel Church in Raleigh: Anita Murphy, Selma WM director; Carol Davis, NCWM Raleigh District director; Eva Waters, Emmanuel WM director

Hidden Treasures in Jars of Clay

North Carolina Girls' Ministries 2009 Spring Retreat was held at the Goldsboro First Church on Saturday, April 25. Approximately 230 Rainbows, Daisies, Prims, Stars, Friends, Girls Only, and sponsors were all over the place. They enjoyed either the Joyful Noise puppets or the workshops, which were led by the Girls' Ministries Team, or they were making pottery pieces. The bag lunch was absolutely wonderful. Everyone had fun. Thank you to our Girls' Ministries Team: Lydia Mills, Debra Collins, Crystal Grant, and Wanda Oates for doing such a great job. We are blessed!

The next scheduled Girls' Ministries event is the MLT for all sponsors on Saturday, August 29, at the Mt. Olive PH Church (more details to follow). We hope you will be a part of this training.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Men of Action

Ephesians 2:10: "*For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*"

Workmanship simply means handiwork, a masterpiece. God is the author of His handiwork.

It excites me to know that we are a workmanship of God. This scripture tells us that God loved us enough that He created us to do good things just as Jesus did. It burdens me to see that all men don't understand we were created in Christ Jesus. This is where **Men of Action** comes into play.

Through Men's Ministries, men come together to make a difference in the world we live in. It is the goal of Men's Ministries that men come together in a fellowship of holiness, a fellowship of caring, a fellowship of love, and a fellowship of Christian living. We want to live a lifestyle such that when men who don't know Jesus come into our presence, they can sense we are different, and they want what we have in our lives. **Men of Action** offers this fellowship in many ways.

Men of Action fellowship together as they help people who are in need in our local churches. They also enjoy fellowship as they assist the pastor in special projects and help with our Royal Rangers.

In John 15:16, God said, "I chose you; you did not choose me." We live in a time when we need to step up to the plate and be a hitter for Christ Jesus, to stand in the gap and make a difference.

If you are not currently active in the Men's Ministries at your church, give it a chance. You can experience a life-changing walk with Christ and become all that He has chosen you to be. If your church does not have an active Men's Ministries, perhaps God is calling you to be the one to get it started. Call me (252-523-8380), and I will be glad to assist you and your pastor in awakening this vital fellowship for men in your church.

Plan now to energize and refresh your spirit by being a part of the Men's Advance in September (18 and 19). You will not be sorry.

James 1:12: "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the* ***crown of life****, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*"

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A Destructive Storm: An Indestructible Promise

(Matthew 18:19, 20)

We have all seen the destruction and heartbreak that have been left in the wake of a powerful storm of nature. Such loss and devastation can lead to despair and hopelessness. Many are fighting that battle today due to the economic storm that has overtaken America. It has caused flourishing businesses to close and some to lose their homes or their jobs or both. It has forced many people to make drastic adjustments in their lives. It has induced pain and panic. It has many people fighting the battle to keep hope alive. It is a time of vulnerability in which the enemy will seek to bring fear and despair.

The Psalmist once cried out (Psalm 18:4, 5), *"Death had wrapped its ropes around me, and I was almost swallowed by its flooding waters. Ropes from the world of the dead had coiled around me, and death had set a trap in my path."* His words are a reminder of how easy it is to lose hope when the storm is raging.

However, as people of faith, our confidence is not in the systems of man, but in the promises of God and specifically the words Jesus spoke in Matthew 18:19, 20: *"I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you. Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you."*

His words are a reminder that when we are in the storms of destruction, we have a promise that is indestructible. It may be a time of testing in regard to our circumstances, but it is also a time of proving that the Lord keeps His promises. One of those promises is that we are not alone. "When you gather in My Name, I am there with you," He says. How comforting that the Lord will not abandon those for whom He died. The words of despair spoken by the Psalmist in Psalm 18:4, 5 are placed squarely between the words that remind him of God's presence and provision. Look at Psalm 18:1, 2, 3, and 6:

"I love you, Lord God, and you make me strong. You are my mighty rock, my fortress, and my protector. The rock where I am safe, my shield, my powerful weapon, and my place of shelter. I praise you, Lord! I prayed, and you rescued me from my enemies.... I was in terrible trouble when I called out to you, But from your Temple you heard me and answered my prayer."

The knowledge that God is with us is where we find strength for our journey in this world. Again the Psalmist reminds us (Psalm 18), *"You are a shield for those who run to you for help. You alone are God! Only you are a mighty rock. You give me strength and guide me right."*

When facing the storm of life, of what comfort is food to eat or water to drink or air to breathe? These things may be necessary for life, but they are not enough for abundant life. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have abundant life. We need meaning; we need companionship; we need love. We need something the basic things and material world cannot provide. It is knowing God is with us that sustains and empowers us to face in hope and faith the storms that are thrust upon us. And how do we obtain such assurance? Jesus says it is "when you agree about something you are praying for...." He shows up at the point of need. That is our indestructible promise.

You may be facing a storm in your life. Today is the day to take a stand. You can do so because

- You are not alone.
- He will be your strength.
- You are surrounded by people who love you.

So don't dry up; fill up. Don't fold up; stand up. And don't give up; look up!

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What Do We Mean by Respect?

As children, most of us were taught respect from our parents, teachers, and grandparents. We were taught to look up to anyone who was older than we were or was over us, whether he was a parent, an employer, a teacher, or someone else with responsibility to lead us or guide us.

So many times today, you can go into a meeting or a class, and the leader or teacher is not given the respect he or she needs in order to start the class or meeting. We sometimes see on TV in big city classrooms that the students can be unruly and disrespectful.

What is the reason for this disrespect? I believe sometimes we can get too comfortable in ourselves and speak out without thinking, or we feel we know what the teacher is going to say and maybe don't listen as we should.

I grew up being very shy and did not want to do anything to draw attention to myself, so I would be really quiet and listen to everything that was said. After I prayed about the shyness, God helped me understand how to talk with people about the simplest things in life and therefore carry on a conversation with just about anyone. There are still people I run into and feel intimidated by and would rather avoid, but God has helped me feel more comfortable with myself; therefore, I try to be more understanding of why people act the way they do. God has taught me to respect everyone I meet and see him or her as a person in whom He is interested.

Christians have a great responsibility to love and respect each person with whom they come in contact, whether he is a disheveled drunk on the street or the richest person on the block! Sometimes we tend to disregard even people we know by not spending time to talk with them or by not asking about their situations.

Ministry partners sometimes may get too comfortable in what they are doing and may say something about their husbands or wives that would show their relationship in a bad light. I know there has been a time when I said things that came out differently from what I had intended, and I had to apologize to my husband later. I am not in front of people as often as he is, and I may be nervous and not think things through before I say them.

I have been in churches where I either heard or was told of how a minister's wife criticized her husband and made a joke about it, and she was frowned upon for her disrespect to her husband. I know that in my own life, I would never want to joke about my husband in a way that would shame him or the calling upon his life. My prayer is that I will be ever conscious of what I say or do.

We must be diligent in showing our love and support to our marriage partner in every way. We are very blessed because of the call upon our lives and for the simple fact that God joined our lives together to do His work as one. "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). We are a team, and God meant for us to uphold each other by our presence by our mate's side and in prayer.

We are to live our lives every day in a way that would give praise and glory to God. Because God has given us our partner in life and ministry, we must be there for that person and do anything possible to help in the ministry God has placed on his life. One way I have found I can help my husband the most is to be willing to do anything that will make his job easier. I have so appreciated the fact that I can ease his job in some way. Sometimes my doing just the simplest tasks can relieve him from having too much to do.

In conclusion, honor your mate by being there for him in every way. Your presence in his life will make things so much better. Respect him as a minister of God Almighty, and be the helpmeet that God intended you to be. Pray for him and pray that God will give you both a refreshing in your relationship with each other and especially with the God you serve. May God bless you in His service!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Our Veterans Are Treasures

Recently, Chris and I were in California and visited a War Museum, and while there, I noticed a sign. The sign said, "These exhibits are displayed here because of the efforts of the veterans of these wars," and then in the next statement, the writer of the sign was requesting funds to help to support the museum. I thought about this for a minute and decided this could be true of our conference archives, even though we would want it to be the efforts of the families and church families also.

Our ministers and workers are veterans of the Lord's army and deserve to be remembered for all their sacrificial hard work. Just as our Armed Forces are sent out to keep our country free, the ministers of the Gospel are called by God to set the sinner free.

My father served in World War II in the Aleutian Islands and really didn't face the enemy, but he did his part in keeping the trucks and machinery going. He was also a rifleman instructor, and maybe he felt he really didn't fight in the battles, but his responsibilities were essential for those who did to win the war.

Many people in our churches never get the recognition they deserve while they are here on earth and may feel that what they do is not important. Because of this, we are collecting all of those stories and memorabilia of each of our churches and church families in the North Carolina Conference Archives. Please remember a family member, church member, or a minister and minister's spouse by sending us any information you have about these people. Just as people write down their war stories, we want the "war stories" of our ministers and the people in our churches.

The Fourth of July will be here before we know it. During this time of honoring our veterans of the different wars, let us honor those who have served our God. If you would want to have a special service, just let me know, and I would be willing to help in any way I can. Remember that our spiritual veterans are treasures, and we need to honor them for their service to God and His people!

Did You Know...?

Falcon Children's Home is celebrating 100 years this year. What an accomplishment! Of course, there have been many lean times with the budget, and then times when there were few children because of their being sent to foster homes instead of the Home environment, but God has been faithful.

Someone in the Falcon Camp Meeting of 1908 spoke up and made the statement that "a home for the homeless children was needed and that something should be done for the fatherless. The amens were drowned out by the audience moving toward the chancel rail without invitation and each placing his 'widows mite' until Julius A. Culbreth turned and asked Joseph H. King to take charge of the money and take necessary steps toward the establishment of an orphanage" (*A History of Falcon, North Carolina*, p. 110). The opening of the Children's Home was in February 1909, and the charter was issued in October 1909.

Many years have come and gone, and countless children have not just passed through the doors of the Falcon Children's Home, but have found a loving and caring family with whom they have become an integral part. Not only have they found the love they so desperately needed, but they have also been exposed to a compassionate, caring, and forgiving God.

Many of the children, as they have become adults, have returned to the Home to be a parent to those who have come after them. This is one of the proofs that God is using the Falcon Children's Home to work in the lives of those who have lived there! We are commissioned by God in the last part of verse 14 of Psalms 10 to be "...the helper of the fatherless." Let us do all God asks us to do for the Falcon Children's Home so it will continue to be a mighty force in this world for the benefit of the children.

Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements concerning the Home's celebration at Harvest Train this year. Brother Leggett and his staff are working hard to have some special projects ready for your visit.

Until next month, may God bless you all!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Perseguidos, Esparcidos y Predicando

En Hechos 8:3,4 leemos: "Y Saulo asolaba la iglesia, y entrando casa por casa, arrastraba a hombres y a mujeres, y los entregaba en la cárcel. Pero los que fueron esparcidos ***iban por todas partes anunciando el evangelio***." También en Hechos 11:19 encontramos lo siguiente: "Ahora bien, los que habían sido esparcidos a causa de la persecución que hubo con motivo de Esteban, pasaron hasta Fenicia, Chipre y Antioquía, no hablando a nadie la palabra, sino solo a los judíos."

Quizás a usted le sucede lo mismo que a mí, que somos impactados por una o más palabras o expresiones de los versículos de la Biblia, cuando la estamos leyendo y sucede que hay cosas que nos llaman la atención. Si usted ha leído los versículos anteriores, a lo mejor se sorprendió por una característica que creo es muy especial. Me refiero a que esas personas que eran perseguidas por causa del evangelio de Cristo; esos quienes estaban bajo amenaza de destrucción y muerte, no solo huían para estar a salvo, pero al mismo tiempo que huían ***iban por todas partes anunciando el evangelio***.

Me pregunto, ya no tenían suficiente con lo que les estaba sucediendo en Jerusalén con todo ese odio y persecución contra ellos? Por qué seguían haciendo en otras partes lo mismo, por lo que se les perseguía? Es que acaso no valoraban su vida personal? No consideraban que su futuro podría ser entorpecido por seguir creyendo y manifestando su lealtad a ese Jesús? Claro que no, ellos estaban plenamente apasionados y comprometidos no solamente con una causa, sino con la persona que les había perdonado sus pecados, cambiado su vida y entregado un propósito para vivir.

Es cierto ellos, huyen, escapan impulsados por el instinto de conservarse. Es ese sentido e impulso de estar a salvo de un peligro. Todos esos hermanos corrían hacia las tierras de Judea y Samaria para protegerse como dice (Hechos 8:1), pero también lo hacían bajo la convicción de que vivir, no podría tener otro valor mayor que el de adorar, amar y servir al Señor Jesucristo, por lo tanto si solo quedaban pocas horas o días de sus vidas, las invertirían haciendo lo que era correcto; siendo instrumentos en las manos de Dios para bendecir a otras personas con aquello que habían recibido de El.

Creo que en ellos se puede ver cumplido dos cosas que leemos en las Escrituras, las cuales fueron dichas por Jesús y Pablo. "Me es necesario hacer las obras del que me envió, entre tanto que el día dura; la noche viene, cuando nadie puede trabajar." (Juan 9:4) ":Pero de ninguna cosa hago caso, ni estimo preciosa mi vida para mi mismo, con tal que acabe mi carrera con gozo, y el ministerio que recibí del Señor Jesús, para dar testimonio de la gracia de Dios." (Hechos 20:24) Así veo a estos hermanos de la iglesia de Jerusalén; haciendo las obras del que les envió sin hacer caso de cosa alguna que les pudiera estovar llevar a cabo la voluntad de Dios.

Al Señor Jesús trataron de detenerlo antes del tiempo del cumplimiento de la voluntad de Dios sobre su vida, pero El siempre se escapó de las manos de sus enemigos, veamos un par de versículos de la Biblia acerca de lo que le paso y que fue lo que el hizo.

Lucas 4:28-30 "Al oír estas cosas, todos en la sinagoga se llenaron de ira; y levantándose, le echaron fuera de la ciudad, y le llevaron hasta la cumbre del monte sobre el cual estaba edificada la ciudad de ellos, para despeñarle. Mas él pasó por en medio de ellos, y se fue."

Juan 5:16 "Y por esta causa los judíos perseguían a Jesús, y procuraban matarle, porque hacía estas cosas en el día de reposo."

Juan 7:1 "Después de estas cosas, andaba Jesús en Galilea; pues no quería andar en Judea, porque los judíos procuraban matarle."

Juan 8:37 Jesús les dijo en una ocasión: "Se que sois descendientes de Abraham; pero procuráis matarme, porque mi palabra no halla cabida en vosotros."

Juan 10:39 "Procuraron otra vez prenderle, pero él se escapó de sus manos."

El Señor sabía que lo querían destruir; también sabía a lo que había venido y que moriría en la cruz por los pecados del hombre, pero no dejó que las amenazas, las calumnias, los insultos y el odio de sus enemigos le distrajeran de cumplir el propósito y plan de Dios. Aunque todo esto sucedía a su vida personal, al igual que los hermanos de la iglesia de Jerusalén, sin embargo no permitió desviarse del llamado de Dios y tampoco salirse del enfoque en cumplir con la voluntad del Padre.

Leamos por nosotros mismos lo que Jesús dijo, lo cual es un reflejo de lo que los hermanos de la iglesia primitiva estaban haciendo también.

Juan 4:32-34 "El les dijo: Yo tengo una comida que comer, que vosotros no sabéis. Entonces los discípulos decían unos a otros: Le habrá traído alguien de comer? Jesús les dijo: Mi comida es que haga la voluntad del que me envió, y que acabe su obra."

Juan 5:17 "Y Jesús les respondió: Mi Padre hasta ahora trabaja, y yo trabajo."

Juan 9:4-5 "Me es necesario hacer las obras del que me envió, entre tanto que el día dura; la noche viene, cuando nadie puede trabajar. Entre tanto que estoy en el mundo, luz soy del mundo."

Lucas 13:31-33 "Aquel mismo día llegaron unos fariseos diciéndole: Sal, y vete de aquí, porque Herodes te quiere matar. Y les dijo: Id, y decid a aquella zorra: He aquí, echo fuera demonios y hago curaciones hoy y mañana, y al tercer día termino mi obra. Sin embargo, es necesario que hoy y mañana y pasado mañana siga mi camino; porque no es posible que un profeta muera fuera de Jerusalén."

El espacio no es suficiente para decir de una sola vez todo lo que está en mi corazón acerca de este artículo, pero mi énfasis es que si ni Jesús, ni los hermanos de la iglesia de Jerusalén, se dejaron desviar y salirse del propósito de Dios para sus vidas; tampoco nosotros debemos hacerlo. Son muchas las cosas a nivel personal y colectivo que están sucediendo alrededor nuestro, claro que tenemos que salir adelante con nuestras necesidades básicas de la vida, ayudar a otros que tienen menos posibilidades y trabajar por nuestra sobrevivencia, pero es que acaso olvidaremos nuestra lealtad, compromiso y llamado de mover el evangelio de Cristo entre las personas, ciudades y pueblos? Un pastor me dijo hace poco cuando le pregunte como estaba, y me

dio la siguiente respuesta: "Con la Biblia en una mano y el martillo en la obra". Qué me quizo decir con esta expresión? Mientras lucho por conseguir trabajo y cubrir las necesidades de mi casa, sigo predicando el evangelio, haciendo la obra de Dios, creciendo la iglesia de Cristo y esperando en el Señor.

Si los hermanos en la iglesia de Jerusalén fueron perseguidos y esparcidos pero seguían predicando, el mensaje es claro para nosotros hoy: En medio de todo lo que está pasando, hagamos lo siguiente:

- Proclamemos la esperanza que hay en Cristo,
- Sigamos haciendo la obra de Dios,
- No dejemos de ofrendar y dar nuestros diezmos,
- No dejemos de asistir a la iglesia y
- No dejemos de orar,
- No dejemos de ser sal y luz, (testimonio) entre la gente

Recuerde, la promesas de Dios siguen firmes en medio de cualquier temporada.

Persecuted, Scattered, and Preaching

In Acts 8:3, 4 we read, "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. Therefore those who were scattered ***went everywhere preaching the word***." Also in Acts 11:19 we find the following: "Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only."

Perhaps, like me, you are impacted by one or more words or expressions in the verses of the Bible when you read there are things happening, and you pay attention. If you've read the previous verses, you are surprised by something I think is very special. I mean that these people who were persecuted for the sake of the gospel of Christ, who were under threat of destruction and death, not only escaped to be safe, but while fleeing, ***they were everywhere proclaiming the Gospel***.

I wonder, had these people not had enough of the things that were happening in Jerusalem with all that hatred and persecution against them? Why did they continue doing the same things elsewhere that were the reason they were persecuted? Perhaps they did not appreciate their personal lives? Did they not consider that the future could be hampered by continuing to believe and express their loyalty to this Jesus? Of course not: they were fully committed and passionate not only to a cause but to the person who had forgiven their sins, changed their lives, and given them a purpose for living.

I admit that they fled, and were driven by the instinct of preservation. It is that sense and impulse to be safe from danger. All those brethren ran to the lands of Judea and Samaria to protect themselves as Acts 8:1 said, but they also did so, believing that life could have no greater value than worship, love, and service to the Lord Jesus Christ, so if they had just a few hours or days to live, they would invest the time in doing what was right, being instruments in God's hands to bless others with what they had received from Him.

I think that in them we can see taking place two things that we read in the Scriptures, which were said by Jesus and Paul. "I musk work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4). "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). So I see these brethren of the Church of Jerusalem, doing the work of the one who sent them, regardless of anything that could hinder them in carrying out the will of God.

The people tried to stop Jesus before the time set by the will of God, but He always escaped from the hands of His enemies; let's see a couple of verses from the Bible about what happened and what He did.

Luke 4:28-30 – "So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way."

John 5:16 – "For this reason the Jews persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath."

John 7:1 – "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him."

John 8:37 – Jesus once said, "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you."

John 10:39 – "Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but He escaped out of their land."

The Lord knew they wanted to destroy Him; also He knew for what He had come and that He would die on the cross for the sins of man, but He did not let threats, slanders, insults, and the hatred of His enemies distract Him from fulfilling the purpose and plan of God. All this was happening to His personal life, like the brethren in the Church of Jerusalem, but He did not deviate from God's call or from fulfilling the Father's will.

Let us read for ourselves what Jesus said, which is a reflection of what the brethren of the early church were doing as well.

John 4:32-34 – "But He said to them, 'I have food to eat of which you do not know.' Therefore the disciples said to one another, 'Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.'"

John 5:17 – "But Jesus answered them, 'My Father has been working until now, and I have been working.'"

John 9:4-5 – "I musk work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Luke 13:31-33 – "On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, 'Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' And He said to them, 'Go, tell that fox, "Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected." Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.'"

There is not enough space to say everything I want to say in this article, but my emphasis is that just as neither Jesus nor the brothers of the Church of Jerusalem deviated from or got left out of God's purpose for their lives, we must not do so. There are many things on a personal and collective level happening around us; of course, we have to move forward with our basic needs of life, help others, and work for our living, but are we going to forget our loyalty, commitment, and calling to move the gospel of Christ among people, cities, and countries? A pastor told me recently when I asked how he was, "With the Bible in one hand and the hammer in the other hand." What did he want to say with this phrase? While striving to achieve work and meet the needs of my home, I keep preaching the gospel, doing God's work, growing the church of Christ, and hoping in the Lord.

If the brethren in the church of Jerusalem were persecuted and scattered but still preaching the message, it is clear to us today that in the midst of everything happening around us, we should do the following:

- Proclaim the hope that is in Christ.
- Continue doing God's work.
- Do not stop giving our tithes and offerings.
- Do not stop attending church.
- Do not stop praying.
- Do not stop being salt and light (witnessing) among people.

Remember, God's promises still remain firm in the middle of any season.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. T.L. Byrd
Went to Heaven May 4, 2009

Where Are They Now...?

Erfie and Vickie Hayes

Mother's Day holds very special memories for Erfie Hayes. Not only is it a day on which mothers are honored, but on Mother's Day in 1970 he gave his heart to the Lord.

At the time of his conversion he was married to **Louise West**, and God blessed this union with three beautiful children. In 1973, only eight short years after their marriage, Louise was called to her heavenly home. However, in God's providence, he met **Vickie Moulden**, a young church pianist from the FWB Church in Erwin, N.C. One night while attending revival service there with his brother, Erfie saw Miss Moulden playing the piano and quickly concluded that she would make a good preacher's wife. He pursued and married her on Mother's Day in 1974, and God gave them two additional boys.

Rev. Hayes attended Dunn High School and Central Carolina Community College. He answered the call to the ministry while serving at the Oak Ridge PH Church as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and assistant Sunday school superintendent. He joined the conference in June 1979 and was ordained in 1986. Nearly all his ministerial life he has been bivocational, having worked with Coca-Cola and Tom's Foods. He also farmed while pastoring his churches.

His first pastorate was at **Johnson Memorial** (now Midway). After 5 years he was assigned to **Oak Ridge**, his home church, and pastored it for 24 years before he felt the need to resign due to some health concerns. His condition was not so serious that he could not preach on a limited basis, and he did when asked.

Mrs. Hayes has served well beside her husband and is an excellent pastor's wife. She served as pianist during the years he pastored, taught Sunday school, led youth groups, worked with Women's Ministries, and contributed greatly to the success of any program in which she was involved. She continues to minister through her work as a registered nurse.

As his health returned, Erfie saw an opportunity to assist one of our retired ministers, Rev. L. B. Collins, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Coats, N.C. He and his wife have been a tremendous blessing to this church, together with Brother Collins, and the church has grown and prospered as never before.

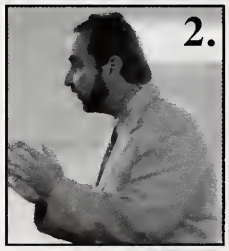
Erfie and Vickie continue to reside in their home near Dunn, and enjoy having their five children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild living nearby.

RETIRED MINISTERS RETREAT

"A Real Keeper"

Some time ago while visiting a nearby church, I spoke to the choir director, who had just given a friend of mine a tryout for his choir. I said, "How did she do?" He replied positively by saying, "She's a keeper," which meant she had met his requirements to sing in his church choir and that he was excited about her potential.

In a sense that's the way most of us feel about the Retired Ministers Retreat: I don't mean to sound redundant, but almost every year we leave feeling *"this year was the best."* In many ways the recent past retreat struck a positive chord in the lives of our retired ministers that other retreats have not.



The Retired Ministers Board seeks diligently to plan each year's program around themes or needs relating to the senior minister and his spouse.

Every preacher loves to preach, and every preacher loves to hear good preaching. I have never met a preacher who did not love good, anointed, scripturally based music. I have never met a preacher who didn't like to pray or be prayed for, or who didn't like to eat or have fellowship or eat ice cream! It just so happens that the Retired Ministers Retreat had all this and a whole lot more.

Rev. Jimmy Whitfield (1), pastor of the First Church in Goldsboro, led the retreat in preaching three outstanding messages that touched our hearts, while **Mr. Scott Hagwood** (2) of Fayetteville captured our attention in three sessions as he enlightened us about memory and how to develop the mind and train it to remember. The choirs from the First Church (directed by Mrs. Carolyn Castania) and the Harvest Temple of Roanoke Rapids (directed by Mr. Danny Holloway) simply outdid themselves in a ministry of song that blessed everyone. Our **Bishop Chris Thompson** (3) and **Rev. Roland Harrell** (4) gave excellent devotionals. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell also directed and led our music. Additionally, we were honored with a visit from the Falcon Children's Home drama team, who inspired us with their presentation. Comments from individuals and letters received following the retreat expressed appreciation for these days of spiritual refreshing from the Lord. The Retired Ministers Retreat is a definite "keeper" and will continue for many years going forward. Who knows? Next year's retreat may be the best ever! -wtc

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A Special Tribute and Thank You

Evangelism Ministries and I want to pay special tribute to Rev. Steve Enloe for a job well done in leading and directing the Mission:M25 ministries in the North Carolina Conference. In 1995 Steve came on the scene with a burden to see outreach ministry grow in this conference. At that time few churches and pastors had seen the benefit and potential of this type of ministry, which included Biker Ministry, Homeless/Hungry Ministry, Rehabilitation Ministry, and Jail Ministry. With no structure in place, Brother Enloe went to work with little assistance. He actually built this ministry in the N.C. Conference from scratch. He has put together a network of local M25 ministries and "point persons." He has linked M25 with the national ministry directed by Bishop Gary Burd and has put together a team of conference personnel called "Mission Equippers" – Fay Page, Earl Haddock, Sam Jones, Janice Schoew, and Ashley Smith. Mission:M25 is now a leader in the IPHC. There are now over 30 churches involved in Mission:M25 ministries, and it is really beginning to catch on and gather support.

Recently, Steve informed me that after prayer and examination he believed he had brought Mission:M25 to the level of conference awareness and recognition that he had been striving for in the past 14 years. He expressed the desire to pass leadership to someone else and so offered his resignation. I sincerely appreciate the work Steve has done and wish him continued blessings as he continues in the Master's service. ***GOD BLESS YOU, MY BROTHER – thank you again for a job well done!***

I would also like to inform pastors and churches that we have new director(s) – a husband and wife team who will be assuming leadership of Mission:M25 ministries in the N.C. Conference. More will be shared in the next issue of the *Evangel* about this ministry team.

There is great anticipation as we enter the second half of 2009. I think it interesting to note that in the past year there have been quite a number of new members added to Evangelism Ministries. Praise the Lord!

We also have added another Hispanic district, and all three Hispanic district representatives on the Evangelism Board are new. The Evangelism Board consists of 21 members, and of that number, eight are new. We welcome these people to the board and appreciate greatly their input, contribution, and leadership in their district.

EVANGELISM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! City Quest 2009: October 8-10, 2009, in Falcon, N.C. I believe this is a highlight of our calendar year. It is an intense two-day church planting and training resource that is a vital tool in training and motivating church planters in starting the process of planting a church, as well as pastors who want to plant or mother a church out of their existing congregation. The event will be offered in English and Spanish and will be open not only to our conference but also to other conferences and to independent pastors who are perhaps looking for an umbrella. More information to come soon.

MISSIONS

We are now two months (approximately 60 days) from the **Global Outreach Celebration** on **August 16, 5:00pm** in the Camp Meeting Auditorium. I am already anticipating a great service with 100 percent participation, and I'm looking for you and your people to be present! We are already putting together the service, and we're allotting a special time of involvement for our children and youth. Each church should already be beyond the starting point of promotion for this vital offering. However, if you're not quite at that point, I urge you to involve your people and have a monthly emphasis – not only for Global Outreach but throughout the year for the other aspects of Missions involvement. Set an attainable goal for your church and inject a measure of faith to challenge your people. Don't forget; our Conference goal is **$310,000**.

Another event to put on your calendar is the **2009 Missions Workshops** on **Tuesday, October 20**. Once again we will have a 2- to 2½-hour training event in all 12 English-speaking districts. This event is for pastors, local Missions directors, and key Missions personnel from each church. A number of important issues will be addressed along with the opportunity for Q and A; in addition, a time of fellowship and light refreshments will be provided. We must maintain a level of training and constant information flow to our Missions leadership, so Pastor, I urge you to promote this one-night event. (Note: These workshops replace our annual fall Missions F.E.S.T.S.)

MISSIONARY UPDATE

Twenty-five years ago, when I joined the N.C. Conference, I had no idea that the pursuit of God's will and His calling would bring me to the place where my wife Nancy and I are today. During the last 23 of those years, we have served as IPHC missionaries in Spain. We have witnessed unprecedented changes in Europe, including the fall of the Berlin Wall and Communism, the rise of Islamic fascism, economic ups and downs, and not a few churches planted and lives changed by the power of God. In those early years, few pastors and churches in the U.S.A. saw Europe as a mission field. They could not envision that the seeds of secularism and the spiritual vacuum sown a generation ago would give fruit to the chaos and deep cultural change that are evident today. Still, a number of visionary leaders, led by the late Bishop B. E. Underwood, understood the importance of Europe and labored to send out a handful of young missionaries to face its challenges and pioneer the ministry of the IPHC there. Nancy and I were among that first wave, pioneering our work in Spain. That work has grown to a conference of 12 churches and 1,000 members.

For many years we've stressed the importance of missionary outreach to Europe. There are many reasons, but let me share just two: first, Europe more than any other region on Earth is the frontline in stopping the advance of Islam, secularism, and profound cultural change. Please take a moment to view this brief video clip:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU

Second, whatever happens in Europe eventually finds its way to the U.S.A. The sweeping cultural and political changes that the U.S.A. is undergoing, as reflected in the election of Barack Obama, demonstrate a European mind-set. The deepening divisions in the "culture wars," the "nanny state," and the growing mass abandonment of organized religion in the U.S.A. have been our daily challenge in Europe for two and a half decades. If you want to see where America is headed, look at Europe. We have learned to survive and thrive in what some have called a "postmodern, post-Christian" society. We would like the opportunity to share the challenges and the insights that we have learned with you and your church.

Nancy and I will be in the U.S.A. briefly during the months of June and July 2009. We welcome the opportunity to share our experiences with you and your congregation. We are prepared to minister to any group of any size, any day of the week and within any guidelines that work best for you. This is not just another missionary service or conference. Our purpose is to be an effective resource for you and your church in the battle against secularism and the anti-Christian cultural change affecting families in the community where you live as well as around the world.

We would like to share how God led us into what some called the "graveyard of missionaries" to plant a dozen churches, a conference, and a Bible school and to see thousands of lives transformed.

We will reveal unique strategies to reach the lost and the unchurched and to plant churches in difficult places. These include using the arts, coffeehouses, cultural centers, social networking, and social action. There are many testimonies we would like to share. We will talk about how the Lord took one woman from her job as a hairdresser into an apostolic ministry reaching out to prostitutes and drug dealers and along the way to plant three churches. We will also share some of our struggles and setbacks and the mind-sets we had to overcome to bring about true change and lasting fruit. I realize these are unique and challenging times. No one has a more difficult or important assignment than you, the pastor. We are pastors too. I understand the tension of schedule, the priority of vision, and stewardship of resources. I don't want to waste your time. I believe that we have something to benefit your flock and we'd like the opportunity to share it.

Would you please take a moment and e-mail me at lin@semillero.org and send me a telephone number and a time when I might call to discuss a visit?

I want to thank you for all that you are doing as we labor together in the Master's vineyard!

Sincerely,

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Church Education Ministries Director

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God Is Moving at Mt. Olive PHC!

by Kevin Mooring, Pastor of Creative Arts and Connections

What is going on at the Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church? That question is being asked a lot lately. The answer: Revival!

God has really been pouring out His Spirit upon us in a way that has affected the church in many areas. From people being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit to a fresh revitalization of the church's different ministries, God has really revealed Himself in a mighty way. People keep coming and filling the church every Sunday looking and searching for a new and fresh move of God. Each service includes dynamic worship with relevant Bible teaching and preaching that can be applied to their everyday lives, along with children's church classes for all age groups.

To help us maintain focus and a unique identity, we operate within the parameters of the following core values:

1) Relevant Bible preaching and teaching
2) Dynamic worship
3) Meaningful relationships
4) Quality leadership
5) Personal spiritual maturity
6) Effective evangelism

Children's ministries have played a vital role in our growth. We have enhanced our children's church and nursery ministry. Our Sunday morning children's church has increased to include four age levels. We have turned Wednesday night into a family night that includes Missionettes for the girls and Royal Rangers for the boys.

In addition to our children's ministries, we also have a strong and growing student ministries group called B3 Student Ministries. B3 stands for "Be Saved, Be Sanctified, and Be Filled." B3 meets every Thursday night with a full worship service that includes lights, media, a live band, and a spoken Word. All of our youth programs are experiencing tremendous growth.

Another successful area of ministry has been our outreach emphasis, "Connecting Outward." One of our most recent outreach events was our Easter production. The Creative Ministries Department performed *Alive Forever* on Good Friday and Easter Sunday morning. It was an amazing event with a total attendance of 1,360. The cast and choir included around 100 members. The program was about the life and death of Christ.

The most amazing results from the performances were that over 20 salvation decisions were made. There was a testimony from an 18-year-old young man who had his own rock band since the eighth grade and made a decision to follow Christ. He said, "I had heard the message and knew about what Christ did, but when I saw it portrayed, it all came together for me and I accepted Him as my Savior." He has since disbanded his rock band and wants to play Christian music. Praise the Lord!

As our worship audience has grown, we have had to think hard about small groups. Our mission statement is "connecting upward to God in worship, connecting inward to each other with ministry, fellowship and training, connecting outward through Christian service." Our small groups help provide the means through which the inward and even the outward connections can be accomplished. Our small groups can be categorized into three areas: interest centered, needs centered, and mission centered.

We have continued with traditional Sunday school. To that we have added Sunday evening Life Study groups, which are Bible study classes that meet for several weekly sessions throughout the year. We have been able to offer different electives through the Life Study groups, such as prayer classes, Crown Financial, parenting classes, evangelism, study of Revelation and the end time, as well as different classes for the youth, such as drama, children's choir, and teen classes. These have been very successful and have actually helped to increase our Systematic Bible Study and Sunday night attendance.

Another small group that has made a tremendous impact on our church is Celebrate Recovery. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered ministry to provide support to people in the church and community who are dealing with hurts and habits (addictions). Celebrate Recovery involves lessons, testimonies, worship, and prayer, while having an opportunity to fellowship with others. They meet every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m.

We also have other great small-group ministries and interest groups, including Men's and Women's ministries, GALS (Girls After Lost Souls), Nursing Home, Prayer Partners, Riders of the Cross (motorcycle ministry), ATV (Acquire the Victory – 4-wheeler ministry group), Scrapbooking, AGLOW, and others.

CEM is really important to our church, and it affects the way we "do" church. In fact, CEM is really a part of our vision to be a vibrant Pentecostal fellowship providing an atmosphere conducive to spiritual maturity for the families of the Mount Olive area. We want to reach out to as many families as we can, and when they come, get them involved by "connecting inward."

God deserves all the glory, honor, and praise for the ministry that is being accomplished at the Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church. It's an honor to be a small part of a great team! "For greater things have yet to come, greater things are still to be done in this City…"

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God Bless America!

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

WHAT IS THE FATHER DOING? WHAT DOES HE EXPECT OF ME?

I was blessed with an earthly father who worked hard, loved the Lord, and loved his family. He was known and highly respected in the community in which we lived. After being saved, he went immediately to work in the church. He taught Sunday school, led the singing, sang specials, cut the grass, assisted the pastor, served as a deacon, and basically did what was needed. He represented the church at conference functions. He was a pastor's friend.

I was thankful for his work and for his church activities, but I was most thankful for his relationship to me. He was my best friend, my mentor, my example, and my guide. I watched his every move. As a young boy I went everywhere with him. I watched as he dealt with people. He loved all people. He valued them and knew their historical heritage. He showed interest in them. He was a farmer and a carpenter. These professions resulted in a broad range of people to come into our lives. There were delivery people. There were sub-contractors. There were farm workers. There were county agents. There were county inspectors, and the list goes on.

Dad always challenged me. He disciplined as well. When I was in the first grade, he gave a dollar for every report card that had all "excellents." He tore my doghouse down when I came home with a card that said in the "conduct" section, "He is a little too bossy." He tore that same doghouse down when in the fifth grade my "conduct" section had a C. (I had negotiated for the entire class to go out at recess to play the other class in softball. It was a big game. I had negotiated to favor the moment rather than the long run. I learned my lesson well.) Dad always said, "Bo [my nickname], you always do the best you can do – settle for nothing less."

June was always our favorite month. We both liked to see things grow, and June was a growing month. It was also our time to do a lot of fishing. The crops were planted and plowed. The primary harvest was yet to be. We would slip away to the favorite fishing holes (Susie Keene Mill Pond, Burnt Patch, the Thoroughfare, etc.) His birthday was June 1. On that day we fished nearly every year. Our greatest day ever was on that day. It would have been even better, but Mom came to get us. The hogs had gotten out of the fence and were in the garden.

I especially liked June because it was in between the preparation, the planting, and the greater harvest. It was a time of rest, refreshment, and reserving strength for the harvest to come. I feel I am at that point in my life currently.

Dad has left us now. He has been gone for some time. He is not lost. We know where he is. I think of him often and look forward to seeing him again.

He never went to college. He only got into the ninth grade. He was partially disabled. He walked with a limp because childhood and early adult cancer had eaten away his right hipbone. Yet he was one of the wisest Spirit-filled men I have ever known, and he could stand on the ground and work six men on a rooftop cutting for them.

I say all this to get to my main point: What is my heavenly Father doing, and what does He expect of me?

I realize I am a greatly blessed man. Many in today's world have no present earthly father or have a severely marred father. They have no real demonstration of a heavenly Father. Because I am blessed, my desire is to respond in kind. "But Jesus answered them, 'My Father has been working until now, and I have been working'" (John 5:16). "Then answered Jesus and said unto them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will!'" (John 5:19 NKJV)

The Father is doing marvelous works today. Churches are being planted. Ethnic groups are being reached and drawn by the Spirit together. Children are being saved, discipled, and called forth. Women are finding their place in ministry. The authority of leadership is being restored. The priesthood of all believers is being restored. Everyone is a minister! The evangelical Christian world is recognizing the biblical Christian heritage. It is a great time to be a son.

I am trying with everything within me to fellowship with my Father. It is June time. Seeds have been planted. The crops are up and growing. It is time for reflection and reserving of strength for the greater harvest time to come. The days are short! He is gone from us now, but He is returning.

I have always wanted to do my best for my father and my Father. My desire is always to have both of them say, "Well done! You have been faithful."

In order to get the "well done," I must say, "Yes, Lord!" That is what he expects of me – to be obedient and to do my best!

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Thesbia "T. L." Byrd

October 15, 1925 – May 4, 2009

Reverend Thesbia Lomas (T. L.) Byrd joined the North Carolina Conference, International Pentecostal Holiness Church, in 1988. He transferred to the conference from the Pentecostal Church of God in Joplin, Missouri. He came to the conference from Bakersfield, California, where he had pastored the New Life Center for 13 years.

Brother Byrd was saved in 1951 in Portsmouth, Virginia, at the local Pentecostal Holiness Church. In 1953 he was granted a mission worker's license in the Western North Carolina Conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was licensed in 1954 and ordained in 1955. He served in that conference as an evangelist for five years.

Reverend Byrd was a native of Erwin, North Carolina. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the United States Navy. For the past 56 years he has been in the ministry serving in various towns. He pioneered the Evangelistic Tabernacle Church in Greenville, North Carolina, in 1968 and served there six years as pastor. After transferring to the North Carolina Conference he served as pastor of two congregations – the New Life Tabernacle in Greenville for four years and West Road in Kinston for six years. In both of these pastorates the churches had great progress and moved forward. Well done, faithful servant.

For a number of years, he was involved in the upholstery business with his wife. They always stressed quality and excellence. He had an eye for colors and matching.

T. L. Byrd was an avid golfer. He loved to get on the links. He was a master of the game and knew what equipment to purchase and use.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret Smith Byrd; sons, Derrick Byrd of Kinston, George Stanley Byrd, and Timothy Lester Byrd; daughter, Rebecca Byrd Turmel, all of Archdale, North Carolina; sister, Evelyn B. Bauer of Winterville; brother, Dallas T. Byrd of Fayetteville, North Carolina; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The celebration service for Brother Byrd was held at the Wilkerson Funeral Home, Greenville, on Thursday, May 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. It was my pleasure, along with former Superintendent Reverend Elwood Long, to speak and give comments. Reverend Ricky Nelms gave the main message. Reverend Nelms is currently pastor at West Road and followed Brother Byrd as pastor. He has been a mentee of Brother Byrd for some time and did a masterful job in speaking of his friend and mentor. Brother Byrd was laid to rest at Pinewood Memorial Park in Greenville.

We will long remember this white-haired and distinguished man of God. May his love for the Lord and his love for souls being saved be transferred to each of us.

Rev. Myrtle Lee Walker Jayroe

May 15, 1921 – May 25, 2009

In early February 2003, Reverend Myrtle Jayroe called me. She inquired about the New Creation Church in Havelock. The church had recently closed. She and her husband, Jack, wanted to reopen it. She was 82, and Jack was 85. The Lord and conference board said yes. The church today is moving forward. The present average attendance is 40, with high days of 75-plus.

Sister Myrtle Jayroe was the oldest currently pastoring pastor of the North Carolina Conference. In 2003, she was a minister with the Assembly of God. She had been pastoring the Harvest Temple Assembly of God in Grantsboro. She transferred to the North Carolina Conference and in January 2005 assumed the ministry of senior pastor of the New Creation Church at the death of her husband, Pastor Jack Jayroe.

Sister Jayroe for years had ministered with her husband. He would play the piano and preach. She would lead singing, direct the choir, and teach. They were a powerful team. They pastored the following churches: Elizabethtown, St. Paul's, Roper, Vanceboro, Wallace, New Bern, Glad Tidings, and Grimesland. She pastored Harvest Temple Assembly of God, Hope Mission Ministries, and New Creation. They served as music directors at Whiteville, Cedar Point, and New Life Assembly of God.

On May 4, 1942, Myrtle Walker married Jack Jayroe. They were married nearly 63 years. They were blessed with three children – Sherry Terrell Malcom, Dr. Kay Suggs, and Donald W. Jayroe. They are survived by eight talented grandchildren.

The celebration service – and celebration it was – was held at the Glad Tidings Church in Morehead City. The Jayroes had pastored there for some 12 years. Three pastors spoke during the service – Maurice Phelps, John Tootle (Sister Jayroe's associate pastor), and Dennis Evans, who had been mentored by the Jayroes. I was honored to preach the celebration message and speak of her ministry. Special music was offered by members of the Jayroe family. At the grave some other very special preachers spoke – Reverend Eric Vernelson, Reverend Johnie Pollard, Reverend John Grayson, and Reverend Wiley Clark.

At the end of the grave ceremony, two white doves were released. They flew in different directions and then circled and flew together over the tent. For Pentecostals this was a special blessing.

This was one special lady. She loved the Lord and loved all people. She was one happy lady when people got saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit. May the Lord give us many more Myrtle Jayroes. She will be missed. Who will fill her place?

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

July/August 2009

Rev. Mrs. Edna Parker.....July 1	Rev. W. H. Tyson.....August 4
Rev. Louise Thompson.....July 2	Rev. Edsel Hooks.....August 9
Rev. Sherrill Pope.....July 4	Rev. W. G. Batten.....August 10
Rev. Reuben Batchelor.....July 6	Rev. J. H. Norton.....August 18
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Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

What in the World Is Going On?

by David Jeremiah. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers. 257 pages.

Something is happening in the world that few understand in terms of its depth and future impact upon the generations, cultures, and nations of the world. Yet even fewer are unconvinced that the world is rapidly approaching the times of Armageddon and beyond. David Jeremiah speaks to his times in ways that the majority of Christians are able to comprehend, providing scriptural insight, sound theology, and meaning to current events.

He gives a perspective uniquely tied to his Bible, in that Israel is somehow connected to it all historically, currently, and in the future. As Israel goes, so goes the world. When one man comes to rule the world in an evil way, that man will demonstrate prowess and great intellectual insight pertaining to the Israeli dilemma. When one man comes to rule the world in a righteous way, He will do so to deliver Israel and make Jerusalem the capital of the world. While many, including some Christians, struggle to envision the reality of the coming of Jesus Christ in the rapture, it is certainly easy for many to envision the possibility of a globally empowered, internationally connected charismatic ruler.

Just a hundred years ago, it would have seemed impossible for people to be able to have at their fingertips information in seconds pertaining to the internal day-to-day affairs of nations, armies, and organizations around the world. The international banking systemic change would have seemed impossible in the 1960s and '70s, but the World Wide Web has brought reality to bear. As Jeremiah wrote, "Men and nations no longer live in isolation."

The book consists of ten chapters and two Appendixes that include Jewish Population Statistics and the Conventional Oil Reserves by Country. He writes on such topics as Israel, Modern Europe, Islamic terrorism, America in Bible prophecy, the Rapture, the Gentile Antichrist, and Armageddon. In recent days President Obama has reached out to the Muslim world, calling for world peace. Jeremiah does a good job shedding light on Islamic terrorism in the world today. He wrote, "The Muslim militants and radicals refer to Israel as 'little Satan,' and the United States as 'big Satan.'" He contends that most of us do not know how to respond to the fact that Islamic culture is growing in our country. According to the Pew Research Center, "58% of Americans know not very much or nothing at all about the Muslim religion, Islam... the fastest growing religion in America." Could it be possible that the flag of Islam could fly over the White House one day? How close is the Islamization of these United States through naïve tolerance and multiculturalism?

King Hezekiah, although a good and righteous king overall, made a dreadful mistake during the time of his extended life by seeking worldly recognition and admiration by showing the Babylonians all the wealth and splendor of Jerusalem and Judah. As a result, the Lord pronounced judgment, stating that the kingdom would collapse into ruin, and Hezekiah's descendants would become eunuchs in the palace of the Babylonian king. How did Hezekiah respond? For all practical purposes, he said (Isaiah 39:8) that it's all okay because I'll die peacefully in my bed. My children will be punished for my sin, but my welfare will remain intact. Hard times are coming, but I shall see peace in my lifetime!

Hezekiah had lost his sense of God and His presence. His affairs seemed more important than the affairs of the Lord. Life mattered more than liberty. The moment had more value than God's reputation. How could he speak to his children about God's faithfulness and possess a complete lack of concern for their fate in the future? There is no indication that he cried out for mercy. Where was his prayer for his nation's future? Where was his grave concern for his children and the children of his own nation? The duplicity boggles the spiritual mind. His double mindedness betrayed instability and a lack of noble, spiritual leadership.

When church leaders care for human power and human glory instead of the glory and power of God, when pride replaces humility, and when self-satisfaction replaces concern for others, the church is in serious trouble. Seeking worldly recognition and admiration, she will conform to the world and act in idolatrous duplicity. Instead of hot, burning love for Jesus Christ, lukewarmness will set in, and the die will be cast. Good works will replace faith in God. Her music will attract and satisfy the world's palate, and her worship will please the senses.

Let it be tirelessly said over and over again: Jesus Christ is coming soon. Pray for the church and our children! Offer tears and prayers continuously. Pray for a heaven-sent spiritual awakening! Heaven requires righteous people for entrance. Mohammed makes no person righteous. Let us affirm, "Justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us agree that He has always been and always will be the only way to heaven! While the world prepares for the "One," let the Church of Jesus Christ prepare for the "Great I Am," who shall return in power and splendor only for those who shall have glorified ears to hear the trump and the shout, and glorified eyes to see the First and the Last. Even so come, Lord Jesus! Happy Reading.

Deborah's Daughters – Called to Ministry

by Rev. Lisa Edwards

How can it be that we just had the eighth annual training day for the lady ministers of the North Carolina Conference? My, how time flies! It seems that just a few years ago Bishop Chris Thompson planned our first training day and organized the advisory council. I didn't attend that first meeting. I did attend the second one, but remember feeling hesitant about it, not quite knowing what to expect. I wondered if I would feel out of place. Would many people I knew be there? Would it be easy to meet people? Would I be ministered to? Would I learn anything? Would it be worth a day spent away from home, where so many things needed my attention? And so on and so on. Well, obviously all of my questions were answered because I have not missed this event a single time since my first one in 2003. In fact, I look forward to it every year.

The event this year was held in Falcon on Saturday, April 25. Lady Ministers and their spouses came from all over the North Carolina Conference for a day of training, ministry, and fellowship. And what a day it was!

Worship was led by Keith and Rev. Patsy Vaughan. Following worship, the men broke out into their own workshop led by Bishop Thompson.

The focus on this year's training for our ladies was ministry outside the pulpit. We had several speakers who spoke from personal experience of how God has used them in different avenues of ministry. Rev. Rose Boyd spoke about the pursuit of purpose and her own personal journey to becoming founder and director of Operation Teaching Tools. Pastor Wendy Hughes led an excellent workshop on Sidewalk Sunday School. I spoke on the different seasons of ministry and being willing to adjust your ministry for the particular season of life you are in. Rev. Louise Thompson gave us some legal guidelines for counseling and also shared some stories of lives transformed by God through counseling. Rev. Evelyn Gonzalez led the workshops for the Hispanic ladies. Then we all came back together for the final workshop led by Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa – Called to Ministry, Feeding the Holy Fire. After our final workshop, we had a time of personal ministry.

I can relate to the writer of Hebrews, who in 11:32 realized that he could go on and on, but time would not permit. Once again, the Deborah's Daughters Training Seminar was a day that will not be soon forgotten. I believe God touched lives that day, fanned some flames, and renewed some callings. Thanks to Rev. Janice Marshburn and all of the Deborah's Daughters Advisory Council for planning another excellent event for us. Only eternity will tell what He accomplished that day.

Our day was dedicated to the memory of Rev. Pauline Knowles, who went home to be with the Lord on March 18, 2009. She served on the Deborah's Daughters Advisory Council and was a forerunner for all Deborah's Daughters.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
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"Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World"

Patsy's Paragraphs

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." (Galatians 5:1)

July is the month when all of us stop to think of the freedoms given to us by our forefathers in their quest to establish a new nation under God.

Appreciation for the freedoms that are our heritage can bring an appreciation for our nation and what it stands for. We have freedom of speech, freedom of choice, freedom of press, and freedom of worship. We have churches in which we may worship. We enjoy unlimited luxuries. We are indeed a blessed people.

Our sons and daughters have fought and died to maintain this national freedom – this heritage of citizenship. In the spiritual realm there is also a struggle for freedom. Each of us is surrounded by those who are bound by the chains of sin, and we have the key to set them free: we have dwelling within our hearts the personage who is called "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." Through our prayers, through our means, through our deeds of kindness, through our words of testimony, we have the opportunity to share the truth that has illumined our own hearts and lead them to the One who can set them at liberty. Let's celebrate our freedom. We are Christians!

Let's be intentional to pray and stay in touch with our servicemen and -women as well as their families. May you and your family be blessed with a wonderful summer.

Remember, "Together we can make a difference!"

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- Stay organized; when you find an interesting magazine article, tear the page out and punch holes in it. Then file it in a three-ring binder that's tabbed by subject. This way you can find the information when you need it, and you can toss the magazine to reduce clutter.
- For bee stings and bug bites, make a paste of baking soda and water and apply it to the affected area. It works best if you leave it on for 15-20 minutes.
- Moldy-smelling washing machine? Fill it with hot water, then add a gallon of distilled white vinegar and run it through a full cycle to clean and deodorize.
- Petroleum jelly can be used to remove gum from hair. Massage a liberal scoop onto the gum and surrounding hair until the gum slips off.

Raleigh District WM Rally

NCWM District Director Carol Davis held the Raleigh District WM Rally at the Selma PH Church on Saturday, May 16. The day included door prizes, games, and praise and worship. The theme was "What Not to Wear." Rev. Janice Marshburn, NCWM assistant director, gave an anointed word from Ephesians and Isaiah, reminding us to take off the spirit of heaviness and put on a garment of praise. We left inspired to wear garments of praise wherever we go (work, shopping, etc). Our day ended with a great lunch provided by the local WM groups from the Raleigh District.

Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a great day in the Lord!

NCWM Raleigh District Director Carol Davis with Rev. Janice Marshburn, NCWM Assistant Director

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"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content."
(Philippians 4:11)

The Best

I remember helping my dad build a hog pen. We would tear down an old pen and pull the nails out of the old boards and save them. We would lay the nails on top of a solid post and beat them out straight. The old nails we straightened out were as good as new ones.

It wasn't because we were saving money. We didn't have money to save. And we did not have any money with which to buy nails. I remember my dad saying, "We don't have the best, so we make the best out of what we have. You go to the garden and you cut the best leaves off the salad, and you go to the smokehouse and slice off the best part of the ham. You do this, and you will always have the best."

I know I had the best dad. And my mom was the very best. It didn't matter what was in the cupboards or the refrigerator. She cooked wonderful meals. She could take a little of nothing and make a meal out of it. They were wonderful parents and good providers.

My father was one of nine children and raised on a farm. His family was very poor. He grew up in a family that had little but made the very best of it. In school, my father sometimes traded a ham biscuit to his teacher for a peanut butter sandwich. My father's family had hogs, which they butchered every year and put meat in the smokehouse. They had a large garden. They had plenty of meat and vegetables, but they could not afford peanut butter and jelly from the store. My grandma made biscuits and cornbread since they could not buy loaves of bread from the store.

The simple things are the most valuable. I miss my father. He passed away 12 years ago when I was 47. We were like brothers. He was my best friend. He was my mentor. My father. He called me every birthday early in the morning. I would ask why he called so early, and he would say, "I wanted to be first to wish you a happy birthday."

I was 49 before I surrendered my life to God. I know my dad is in heaven, and I'm sure he knows I finally got my life together. He was dying of cancer. I asked him one day at the hospital how he was feeling. He said, "Son, I'll just be glad when you get your life straightened out." He knew I was still drinking excessively. He was more concerned with me than himself. And he was dying. I regret not getting to know God until after my father's death, but I am sure he knows and sees me now.

Recently one afternoon, I was hauling wood to the house in a wheelbarrow. The air was cool and fresh. The mountains were beautiful, for the leaves were changing color. My beautiful and loving wife was in the kitchen cooking our supper. As I walked, admiring God's creation, I thought about how my life was now and what God had brought me from. I felt as if my dad were walking beside me. A tear fell down my cheek, and I spoke out loud: "Dad… I'm okay now. I'm fine. I got straightened out. Thank you, God, for this place. I love you so much, Dad, and I miss you."

Like those old rusty nails, God had straightened me out. I was good as a new nail. I could be of some use now. I could build again, but I had to be torn down first.

It was such a wonderful feeling. I felt my dad was with me. I thank God for that presence. I thank God for letting me know I now have the best. The best was feeling my dad's presence and knowing that he knew I had God in my life. The best is my wife, which was a divine connection. The best is this beautiful home in the mountains. The best is that my friends respect me, and my mom and my children are no longer ashamed of me. The best is that I have a heavenly Father who loves me and loved me long before I knew Him.

Reach out to God and receive the best. You can then easily make the best of what you have because the best is freely given to you. God's love, mercy, and grace are the best.

Prayer

Thank you, God, for the best love that delivered me out of the world into your Kingdom…. Amen.
"Dad, I've been straightened out."

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Footnote:
James is a walking miracle of what God can do!

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The Cry of the Destitute

Pastor Jerry R. Nelson

The Bible tells us that God satisfies the longing of the heart and fills the hungry soul with goodness (Ps. 107:9). God is a good God, and He loves to answer prayer.

There are hurting people all over the world, people who are experiencing all kinds of problems. We all have our struggles, our problems, and our battles to fight. But thank God we don't just have a religious moral code that leaves us empty. But we serve a God who answers prayer and a God who can solve our problems. We have a loving, caring Father, a God who saves and delivers. We have a God who wants to give us joy and peace and happiness.

The Bible tells us in 1 Peter 3:12, "for the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." So many times when we face the battles of life, the Devil, the accuser of the brethren, comes with his lies, his deceit, and his wiles and he tries to convince us that we're not living good enough and that God is not going to answer our prayers. Many times Satan will quote Scripture to us, just like he did to Jesus. And he does this to cast doubt upon us, in order to paralyze our faith. God answers the prayer of those who live right, and certainly as Christians we should live a clean, pure, holy life.

So many times we think that God hears the cry of only the righteous. But the Lord spoke to me recently regarding the prayer of the destitute, and God answers the prayer of the destitute. Ps. 102:17: "He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. 18: This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. 19: For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth; 20: To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death."

There's something about the cry of the destitute that gets the attention of God, and God will not turn you away when you cry out for mercy. What a great, compassionate, loving God we have. Those that are destitute suffer from things that are so extreme that they feel like their whole world is crumbling. If that describes your situation, God will hear your prayers, and He will not turn you away.

God moves in mysterious ways and many times, God is moving when people don't even realize that he is at work. So many times people say things like, "God doesn't hear me and God doesn't care." Let me tell you something, God does care, and God is moving on your behalf. Even when it looks like He's not moving, God is doing something supernatural for you. He hears your cry and He sees your situation. So keep crying out to God. Keep lifting your voice to heaven and calling upon the name of Jesus because God has promised to answer your prayers. He said in Jer. 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

The Devil walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He comes to steal, kill, and destroy, and that's what he wants to do to you. He wants to strip you of your health, to strip you of your wealth, to strip you of your marriage, your joy, and peace. And so many people say, "God, why did you do this, and God, why did you do that?" God didn't do it. The Devil did it because he comes to strip you. God is not your problem. God is your answer, so cry out to God because God hears the cry of the destitute.

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"HE'S ALL ABOUT YOU!"

The North Carolina Conference Ministers' Wives Fellowship Banquet and Program is set for Friday, August 14, 2009, in the Culbreth Memorial Church Fellowship Hall. Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m., followed by the meal and our program.

At our meeting last year, we elected a program committee, and the theme this year was chosen by the committee. Our theme for the program this year is "He's All About You!" Our theme was chosen as a result of what Ministers' Wives Fellowship represents: fellowship with one another, drawing strength as a group, our common ground ministry, and knowing that our heavenly Father cares about us as women leaders.

Our special speaker this year is Rev. Mrs. Joy Burchett, wife of the former Bishop of the Harvest Conference (Kansas), Rev. Don Burchett. Mrs. Joy is just like her name and a very special person. You will enjoy Mrs. Joy's inspiring ministry to ministers' wives, widows of ministers, and lady ministers.

Come expecting a blessed time of life-changing ministry and fellowship. Remember to bring someone with you who may not have transportation or may not have had the opportunity to attend one of our Fellowship Meetings in the past. All ministers' wives, widows of ministers, and lady ministers are welcome!

DON'T FORGET!

Do not forget the Ministers' Wives Fellowship Luncheon at General Conference in Greensboro, North Carolina, on Thursday, July 30. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Becky Shirey, who is married to Chaplain (COL) Ervin L. Shirey, Jr. (Ret.), who is ordained in the Alpha Conference. Becky is a gifted speaker for conference seminars and retreats throughout the United States and other countries. Presiding Bishop Leggett's wife, Mrs. Faye, will be in charge of the luncheon and program. Plan now to attend!

Psalm 68: 1-4 reads as follows: "Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him."

We have such a blessed life to live, and our hearts should be in continual praise to Him. We have so many visible blessings, and then there are all those blessings that we are yet to find out about. I praise the God I serve every day for His love to my family and me. I could never praise Him enough for His continual presence in our lives. My heart goes out to Him as I live each day because He is so faithful.

Of course we have problems and heartbreaks just like everyone else, but what is that compared to the love God shows to us every day? When we go through the hard times, He is always there beside us, supporting us with His love and concern. He takes care of every situation if we let Him. It is so easy as human beings to say we have given the problems to Him and then still try to work things out on our own or worry about them. But God is always waiting for us to call Him into the picture and is waiting to step in at the right time and resolve the whole matter.

So when things that are too big for you to handle come your way, give them to Him and know that He will take care of details and work things out for you according to His will. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). The word *cast* means to throw, pitch, fling, or hurl something away from you. When you think of casting your cares on Him, think of throwing them as hard and as far away from you as you are physically able! So cast those problems off and give them to Jesus because He really cares about you.

We love you, and our prayers are with you all. May God bless you and yours!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

ARCHIVES LUNCHEON AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

The IPHC Archives is hosting a luncheon on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro during General Conference. The presenter is Dr. Kristen Dayle Welch, who will address the role of women ministers in the IPHC. Space is limited, so check with the headquarters in Oklahoma if you are interested in attending the luncheon.

THE ARCHIVES HERITAGE ROOM WILL BE OPEN DURING CAMP MEETING

If you attended Falcon Camp Meeting last year, you noticed that the Archives Board had put together a Heritage Room full of displays in the meeting room on the right side of the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. We have reserved the room for displays for our Heritage Room again this year. We hope you will visit this room because we will have pictures, memorabilia, and all kinds of information about the Pentecostal Holiness Church, its people, and the churches of the conferences. We hope to have a sort of timeline of happenings throughout the last 111 years since the beginning of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1898.

If you attended Falcon Camp Meeting on Friday night of last year, you may have run into a distinguished, slim man dressed as he may have lived in the late 1800s or early 1900s. He may have approached you and told you about the Archives display in the lobby of the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium, or he may have told you about the new Jerry Miller prints that the Archives Department has available for sale, or he may have pointed you toward the Heritage Room at the front of the Culbreth Auditorium. Brother Danny Rollins always does such a good job portraying Rev. George Floyd Taylor, and on this occasion, he did not disappoint. Brother Danny (a.k.a. G. F. Taylor) has so graciously offered to make an appearance again this year and may come more than one night. There may happen to be other "visitors" also. Keep your eyes open and enjoy!

If you have some time and would like to help us set up for Camp Meeting, please give me a call. We will have to have most of the work done before General Conference. Please let me hear from you if you would like to help in any way at all.

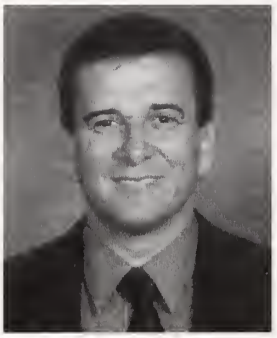
NEW FALCON TOUR BROCHURE

We are currently working on a new Falcon historical walking tour and hope to have it finished by Camp Meeting. We are preparing a shortened version to put in the packet for General Conference. Presiding Bishop Leggett has given permission to include this in the packets because we are the birthplace of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, and many people will be coming from all over and may not have the opportunity to come to Falcon at any other time. You are a very privileged group of people to live in the area of the United States where the International Pentecostal Holiness Church began in 1898! Pray for us as we prepare for General Conference and Falcon Camp Meeting.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Did you know that the meeting of the General Convention of the Pentecostal Holiness Church and the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church, assembled at Falcon, North Carolina, January 31, 1911, for the purpose of consolidation was, of course, the first General Conference of the Church? The last statement on the Minutes of the First General Convention in 1911 was as follows: "Moved that the next General convention be held at 10 a.m., the last Tuesday in January, 1913, to continue as long as necessary." The General Conference sessions that begin this year on July 24–August 1, 2009, will be the 26th General Conference! We have come a long way with the Lord's hands upon this great Church, and many souls have been touched by the sacrifices of God's faithful servants. May we ever seek to reach the lost and hurting of this world by the presence and guidance of the precious Holy Spirit in our lives.

May God bless and enjoy the Lord's blessings during the summer. Until next time...



North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

PRIMER RETIRO DE MUJERES HISPANAS

En medio y a pesar de todas las cosas que están sucediendo en estos días con respecto a la economía, los problemas de inmigración que enfrentan nuestros hermanos y otras situaciones difíciles, el ministerio hispano de nuestra Conferencia sigue creciendo. Dios nos ha bendecido y sigue haciendo cosas maravillosas en medio nuestro.

Como testimonio de lo que estoy diciendo, me gustaría referirme al pasado Retiro de Mujeres Hispanas, que se llevó a cabo en Falcon. Esperábamos 200 mujeres, pero llegaron cerca de 320 de más de 35 iglesias. Tuvimos que correr un poco para cambiar nuestros planes de organización, pero contentos con lo que Dios hizo en este retiro.

Fue maravilloso ver a esas mujeres buscando la presencia de Dios y recibiendo un toque del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas por medio de la alabanza, la exposición de la Palabra de Dios y la ministración especial que tuvo lugar. El altar se llenó de lágrimas, alabanza y agradecimiento por un mover fresco de Dios en sus vidas y momentos de transformación y confirmación de las promesas y planes de Dios sobre cada una de esas mujeres.

La hermana Mireya Valverde del país de Costa Rica, expuso la Palabra de Dios en una manera clara, ungida y poderosa. También la hermana Mary Olivares, esposa de nuestro pastor Fernando Angulo, hizo una labor extraordinaria, no solo en compartir una edificante y estupenda enseñanza; también hizo la mayor parte en la coordinación del evento junto con las hermanas de su iglesia Tabernáculo del Evangelio en Dunn.

Dios uso este evento para levantar la visión, la imagen y las perspectivas de alcance entre las mujeres de nuestras iglesias. El papel de ellas en la familia, la sociedad y la iglesia fue recordado y afirmado con estas reveladoras conferencias, levantando a estas mujeres a un nivel más alto de potencial, entrega y desarrollo de su persona con sus dones y capacidades recibidos del Señor.

El retiro también ha servido de instrumento para dar modelos, inspirar y aportar ideas para que las iglesias trabajen mas activamente con las mujeres de sus congregaciones, en la formación de equipos de trabajo y la realización de estrategias y eventos que traigan edificación y beneficios extraordinarios a las mujeres de cada iglesia local.

Una sola persona no puede hacer todas las cosas. Se necesita un equipo de hombres y mujeres para llevar a cabo una gran obra. Menciono lo anterior para agradecer a los hermanos que nos ayudaron, aportando éxito, tiempo y esfuerzo, para hacer que este retiro de mujeres fuera una bendición para tantas. Como dije anteriormente a la hermana Mary Olivares por su trabajo en la enseñanza de la Palabra de Dios y la coordinación de la actividad. Al equipo de hermanas de la iglesia Tabernáculo del Evangelio por su valiosa labor y cooperación en la recepción, coordinación de los dormitorios, el comedor y muchas cosas que hicieron. Al equipo de hermano de la iglesia Nuevo Renacer de Lumberton por su arduo trabajo en preparar y servir los los alimentos.

A los hermanos de la iglesia Manantial de Avivamiento en Clinton por especial trabajo en dirigir la alabanza y adoración con la cual nos bendijeron tanto. A Lilliana Avila por coordinar y ayudar en varios aspectos del retiro. Y a todos aquellos que en una forma pequeña o

mayor hicieron algo para lograr que este evento se llevara a cabo.

También agradecemos profundamente al Señor y a nuestro obispo y la Conferencia por las preciosas instalaciones que tenemos disponibles en Falcon, en donde podemos llevar a cabo estos grandes eventos, los cuales traen crecimiento y avance al ministerio hispano.

Seguimos adelante porque EL ES nuestro Dios, tenemos mucho que hacer y porque las mejores cosas no han sucedido todavía, sino que están en el futuro, adelante de nosotros. Este retiro es apenas uno de los capítulos de una gran historia que Dios esta escribiendo, los mejores capítulos están por escribirse. Por eso deseamos y oramos "Usanos Señor" para llevar a cabo tu voluntad aquí en la tierra. En su poder estamos haciendo grandes cosas para El, pero esperando grandes cosas de El.

FIRST HISPANIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

In the midst of and despite all the things happening these days in regard to the economy, immigration problems our brothers are facing, and many other difficult situations, the Hispanic ministry of our conference continues to grow. God has blessed us and is doing wonderful things in our midst.

As testimony to what I am saying, let me give a report about the first Women's Retreat, which was held at Falcon. We were expecting 200 women, but approximately 320 or more showed up from more than 35 churches. We had to run a little to change our plans of organization, but we are happy with what God did in this retreat.

It was wonderful to see those women seeking the presence of God and receiving a touch of the Holy Spirit in their lives through the worship, exposure to the Word of God, and special ministry that took place. The altar was filled with tears, praise, and gratitude for a fresh move of God in their lives and moments of transformation and confirmation of the promises and plans of God for each one of these women.

Rev. Mireya Valverde from the country of Costa Rica spoke the Word of God in a clear, anointed, and powerful way. Also Sister Mary Olivares, wife of Pastor Fernando Angulo, did an outstanding job, not only sharing a wonderful and inspiring teaching, but also in coordinating the event, along with the sisters of the Gospel Tabernacle church in Dunn.

God used this event to lift the vision, image, and perspectives in reaching God's blessings among the women in our churches. Their role in the family, society, and church was remembered and affirmed with the revealing Word of God, lifting these women to a higher level of potential, development, and delivery of their lives with the gifts and skills they have received from the Lord.

The event has also served as a model to inspire and provide ideas for churches to work more actively with women in their congregations, in the formation of teams to work and to implement strategies, plans, and events that bring blessings to the women from each local church.

A single person can't do all things. It takes a team of men and women to perform a great work. I mention this to thank the brethren who helped us by providing successful time and effort to make this women's retreat a great blessing for many. As I said before, thanks to Mary Olivares for her great work in teaching the Word of God and coordinating the activity, and to the team of ladies at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Dunn for their valuable work and cooperation in the reception, coordination of the dormitories, and in the dining, and for many other things they did.

Thanks to the team from New Rebirth Church of Lumberton for their hard work in preparing and serving food to the women. Also thanks to the brethren from the Spring of Revival Church in Clinton for their work in the leading praise and worship with which we were so blessed, to Lilliana Avila for coordinating and assisting in various aspects of this retreat, and to other people who in a small or greater way did something to make this event possible.

We also express our deep gratitude to the Lord for our bishop and the conference for letting us use the beautiful facilities we have available in Falcon, in this place where we can carry out many of these great events that bring growth and progress to the Hispanic ministry.

We are going forward because He is our God, we have much to do, and because the best things have not happened yet, but are in the future ahead of us. This retreat is just one of those chapters of a great story that God is writing; the best chapters are not written yet. So we wish and pray, "Lord, use us to carry out your will here on earth." In His power we are doing great things for Him, but expecting great things from Him.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Mrs. Myrtle Jayroe

Went to Heaven on May 25, 2009

Where Are They Now...?

Johnie and Shirley Pollard

It has been my observation that many of our retired ministers were touched by the Holy Spirit and saved when they were very young. Some of them strayed away only to surrender to the Lord at a later date and become a powerful witness for the Lord. Such was the case for Johnie Pollard.

Johnie says, *"When I was only 12 years of age, God began to lead me to read His word and pray. Not being in church, I drifted away and tried the world, but it never satisfied." He goes on to say, "God brought me back to the altar at the Glad Tidings PH Church (Morehead City, Rev. Jack Jayroe, pastor) on January 16, 1966. He saved me all over again, sanctified and baptized me, and called me to preach."* Soon after, Johnie joined the NC Conference in August 1967 and was ordained in August 1969.

He was born near Washington, NC, in 1926, attended Chocowinity High School, earned a degree in highway engineering, and was employed with the NC Department of Transportation in new construction for 30 years before retiring in 1977. During some of this time he was bivocational, pastoring churches in Salter Path, Swansboro, and Beaufort. After his retirement from the state, he pastored full-time at St. Pauls, Mount Olive (Pembroke), and Brentwood (Tarboro). Sadly, his wife Dell passed away in 2002, leaving three children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Naturally, her death left him lonely. However, God sent into his life Mrs. Shirley B. Barts. Shirley and her family had worshiped at the Glad Tidings Church for many years and were well acquainted with Johnie and his family. Shirley was widowed in 1999, and Johnie three years later. In the providence of God they were brought together in a loving relationship and were married in 2003. Shirley had been a faithful worker in the church for most of her life, so joining with Johnie in his ministry was a natural fit. They have been a blessing to many!

Today Johnie and Shirley are very active in the Glad Tidings Church, and he preaches every time he gets the chance. Both of them enjoy reasonably good health. Johnie serves as an usher in the church, Senior Group pastor, and Home Group pastor. Shirley works beside him in each of his endeavors. They are a delightful couple who enjoy life and are grateful for every blessing God sends their way.

"God Is Great, God Is Good, Let Us Thank Him... Amen!"

When Jean and I began our family many years ago, we taught our children to repeat this well-known prayer before each meal. Once we were seated at the table, we would point to one of them to pray. We heard the prayer so many times that we looked forward to the day when they would get beyond these few words and begin praying out of their hearts. Thankfully, they finally did!

One Sunday morning one of our sons and his wife visited a local church where some of their very good friends attended regularly. The pastor also knew him, and when service was completed, he called on our son to dismiss the service. Being a little taken by surprise, his mind went blank, and a childlike habit took over. He said, "God is great, God is good, Let us thank Him..." A few more words did tumble out of his mouth. However, before he realized what he had prayed, he heard some soft snickering from his friends. His embarrassment awakened his thoughts, and he closed his prayer with more appropriate words. His friends had a "heyday" ribbing him, and some suggested that he write and publish a book on prayer – all in fun, of course.

Many of us were taught this prayer when we were children, and most of us never really considered what life would be like if it were not true – if God were not both **great** and **good**. In recent times we have heard so much about the space junk, over which we have little control, orbiting the earth and the danger it could cause to our space station and astronauts. Without God's **greatness** in maintaining order in the universe, the galaxies would be a junkyard of banged-up stars and planets. And without His goodness to stay the hands of evil tyrants, our world would be a place ruled by the biggest bully.

For me, that simple childhood prayer emphasizes two very profound attributes of God: God's **transcendence** and God's **immanence**. *Transcendence* means that His greatness is beyond our comprehension, and *immanence* describes His nearness to us. The greatness of God sends us to our knees in humility, and the goodness of God lifts us back to our feet in grateful, jubilant praise.

Thank God for the glorious freedoms we have experienced by living in America. During the month of July when ***Independence Day*** is celebrated, and every day going forward, may our prayer be, **"God Bless America!"** Surely, **God is Great, and God is Good! Let us thank Him... for everything!** Amen? —wtc

DON'T FORGET!

Retired Ministers & Spouses

Camp Meeting Luncheon

Thursday, August 13, 2009, 12:30 p.m.

Conference Cafeteria • Falcon, North Carolina

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Pioneer Pastors' Fellowship

The North Carolina Conference of the IPHC, in an effort to continue to promote the church planting movement emphasis, has added another "first" to its list of ministry and celebration opportunities. On Thursday, May 21, 2009, 60 PIONEER PASTORS and MOTHERING CHURCH PASTORS met for the purpose of bringing this unique group of Kingdom builders together for fellowship, encouragement, and prayer. After a great meal, each NC Conference church planter in attendance gave an update of what God was doing in his or her ministry. A special Pioneer Pastors' Fellowship lapel pin (developed just for NC Conference IPHC church planters) was presented to each pioneering pastor. Danny Nelson, conference Evangelism director, greeted those attending the meetings and shared his desire to have such a fellowship, rejoicing that now it is a reality.

I shared with the attendees a few church planting stories. One was how church planters must be "dreamers," seeing the church before the church is actually a church. And, though it doesn't make sense yet to the church planter.... It does!

I told the story of how a great friend, Deedy White, took Jenny and me through the woods to the embankment of the island waterway near Shallotte Point. There was heavy equipment throughout the area to clear the way for a new Arnold Palmer Signature golf course (River's Edge). We got out of the (four-wheel drive) truck, and Deedy said, "Brother Ray, can you see that 18th hole over there?" I looked and I looked, but I declared I don't do golf; I just couldn't see what wasn't there. It just looked like trees, mounds of dirt, stumps, and a riverbank. I said, "Brother Deedy, if it were a steeple, I could probably see it, but, sir, I'm not going to lie to you; I can't see what's not there." He smiled (a smile of faith) and said, "It's okay, one day maybe you will see".

Recently (several years later) he invited me to the clubhouse at River's Edge Golf Club in Shallotte. As we were sitting there overlooking the beautiful island waterway, Deedy pointed over the balcony to the beautiful green grass, and with that same smile of faith that I saw before, he said, "Brother Ray, that's the 18th hole."

WOW, now I see!

As a Christian businessman he saw a beautiful golf course. As a pioneer pastor I saw a steeple (church). He never gave up on his dream to plant the golf course, and I never gave up on my dream to plant a church. God uses dreamers in the marketplace and in the church.

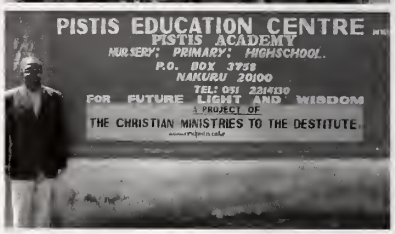
Did you know a church planter (dreamer) will probably be sitting in a seat near you this Sunday? He or she must be encouraged to launch out and build the kingdom of God beyond the walls of the church where they currently worship. As they step out by faith, we believe that mother churches will take them under their wings and hold the rope of faith as they (the planters) look for the steeple (church) that is yet to be seen. When they go, let them know the Pioneer Pastors' Fellowship will be here to hear them, pray with them, and encourage them as they watch what is not become reality.

The next Pioneer Pastors' Fellowship meeting: Thursday, October 22.

Ray Faircloth Sr. is lead pastor of the Life Center in St. Pauls, NC. He has an M.Min. degree from Southwestern Christian University Graduate School and is working toward a D.Min. degree from Newburgh Theological Seminary.

UPDATE FROM KEVIN AND SUMMER SNEED MISSIONARIES TO KENYA

NAKURU CHILDREN'S HOME



As leaders of the Nakuru Church in Kenya, Labon and Gladys Wekesa envisioned a ministry that would reach children living on the streets. Violence, disease, and poverty had forced many boys and girls into homelessness throughout Nakuru. The Wekesas began caring for these children in their home. As the burden grew stronger and the ministry expanded, the Wekesas made plans for a children's home and school for the abandoned youth. Their desire was to share the love of Jesus with many more kids. In 2000 the Wekesas opened the IPHC Christian Ministries to the Destitute. Today the ministry has around 200 children with a campus consisting of a church, dormitories, offices, and school.

Later the Wekesas opened Pistis Academy (the school) to educate the orphans as well as students from the community. Fees paid by outside students helped to offset the costs of paying teachers and educating the students in the home. At its peak the school had around 500 students. The ratio (70% outside students and 30% resident students) mostly paid the expense of the school. However, the violent tragedy that hit Kenya during the 2007 election had a harmful effect on the school. As people fled their homes and were displaced by force, students from the community vanished as they sought safety outside the city. Now the current ratio is 70% resident and 30% community kids. This hardship is great, but the ministry continues to care for the children God has entrusted to them. Bishop Wekesa anticipates three years before a full recovery will occur.

Summer and I are confident in the ministry and potential of this place. The success stories of the children are astounding. This ministry has become a strong IPHC outreach for the region. I hope that you will help us pray for this center of God's love and concern for "the least of these." There are also other ways you can assist this ministry in carrying on the good work that was begun there nearly a decade ago.

How can you help? Consider these opportunities:

- Sponsor children through People to People.
- Support "sustainability projects" that will focus on helping the ministry become self-sufficient. These projects focus on providing funds to open small businesses within the ministry that will provide jobs and income for the ministry.
- Contribute funds for purchasing school materials, books, and supplies.
- Support the feeding program provided by the ministry.

For more information on how you can be involved, contact us today. We will gladly share more with you concerning this special place kevinandsummer@gmail.com.

Did You Know? The Global Outreach Offering Supports:

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And don't forget...the GLOBAL OUTREACH CELEBRATION is Sunday, August 16, 5:00pm in the Camp Meeting Auditorium. WE WILL SEE YOU THERE!

Falcon Camp Meeting

Schedule of Services

August 9-16, 2009

Sunday, August 9th

6:00 PM	Praise and Worship Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr.

Monday, August 10th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Joe Francisco*
11:00 AM	Rev. Demetrius Miles
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr.

Tuesday, August 11th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Noah Barefoot*
11:00 AM	Rev. Demetrius Miles
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr.

Wednesday, August 12th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Sandy Nowiski*
11:00 AM	Rev. Demetrius Miles
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Rev. Beth Stephens

Thursday, August 13th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Larry Wright*
11:00 AM	Apostle Ron Carpenter, Jr.
12:30 PM	Retired Ministers Luncheon
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Apostle Ron Carpenter, Jr.

Friday, August 14th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Luis Manriquez*
11:00 AM	Apostle Ron Carpenter, Jr.
12:30 PM	Lunch
4:00 PM	Minister's Wives Fellowship
5:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Choir Practice
7:30 PM	Apostle Ron Carpenter, Jr.

Saturday, August 15th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 AM	Rev. Tony LeBron*
11:00 AM	Apostle Ron Carpenter, Jr
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:00 PM	Dinner
6:00 PM	Youth Emphasis Director: Rev. Jon Oliver Sean Park

Sunday, August 16th

7:45 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Rev. Andy Shaffer*
11:00 AM	Rev. Tony LeBron
12:30 PM	Lunch
5:00 PM	Global Outreach Celebration Director: Rev. Danny Nelson Message: Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Please Note: All services noted by an asterisk (*) will be held in the Octagon Tabernacle. ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETNG WILL BE HELD IN THE JULIUS A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE.

A special Children's Camp Meeting service will be held during the Sunday, August 9th through Friday 14th evening services in the Conference Cafeteria Training Center. Rev. Terry Whittenton, Whittle-Do, from Dunn, NC will lead the services. Ages 5-10 may attend.

Two nurseries will be available for the evening services in the entrance area of the J.A. Culbreth Auditorium. These will be for 0-2 years of age and 3-4 years of age. Trained attendants will be on duty.

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2009 FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Each meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

DISTRICT	DATE	CHURCH LOCATION	PASTOR
Clinton	Tuesday, September 1	Gospel Tabernacle	Rev. Ken Milliken
New Bern	Thursday, September 3	Reelsboro Church	Rev. Steve Willis
Williamston	Tuesday, September 8	Millennium	Rev. Taylor Latham
Hispanic North	Wednesday, September 9	Oasis of Hope	Rev. Abraham Rodriguez
Lumberton	Thursday, September 10	Living Springs	Rev. Jerry Green
Wilson	Monday, September 14	Moore's Chapel	Rev. Jeremy Banks
Wilmington	Tuesday, September 15	Wilmington First	Rev. Paul Evans
Hispanic East	Wednesday, September 16	Rivers of Living Waters – Turkey	Rev. Jose Cruz
Raleigh	Thursday, September 17	Evangel	Rev. Marjorie Teachey
Rocky Mount	Monday, September 21	Brentwood	Rev. Julian Thompson
Greenville	Tuesday, September 22	Saint Paul	Rev. Allen Mayo
Hispanic South	Wednesday, September 23	Last Call	Rev. Luis Gonzalez
Fayetteville	Thursday, September 24	Stedman	Rev. Randall Strickland
Goldsboro	Monday, September 28	Pine Level	Rev. Roger Banks
Morehead City	Tuesday, September 29	Maranatha	Rev. Matthew Smith

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"He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly."

Acts 10:2 (NIV)

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

CAMP MEETING TIME

August is camp meeting time in the North Carolina Conference. This August will not be an exception.

Two camp meetings have been planned and prayed over, and preparations are nearing an end. These are the Falcon Camp Meeting and the Piney Grove Camp Meeting. This is the 110th Falcon Camp Meeting and the 101st Piney Grove Camp Meeting. Both camp meetings have emphasized salvation, sanctification, and the baptism in the Holy Ghost. Both have emphasized Holy Spirit-anointed worship, singing, and miracles. Prayer for the sick is offered regularly. Expectations are for prayers to be answered and healings to occur.

Falcon Camp Meeting began in the summer of 1900 under the leadership of Julius A. Culbreth, a local Methodist layman who had received the experience of sanctification under the preaching of the evangelist Reverend A. B. Crumpler. Brother Culbreth started the services as a testimony to the healing of his wife of appendicitis. Mr. Culbreth would manage the camp meeting until 1943 as an interdenominational event. In that year he released the camp meeting to the leadership of the North Carolina Conference Board of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The theme this year is "He Is...!" He is what is needed in the life of every believer.

Throughout all these many years, Falcon Camp Meeting has blessed Eastern North Carolina and the North Carolina Conference. The influence extends to the entire world through the World Missions emphasis. Everyone is welcome to the services!

The Piney Grove Camp Meeting began in 1909. It was begun by Reverend A. H. Butler, pastor of the Hodges Chapel Church. He was also the superintendent of the North Carolina Conference having been in that position some eight months.

The purpose of the Piney Grove Camp Meeting was to have a camp meeting in Eastern North Carolina patterned much after the camp meeting in Falcon.

Both camp meetings began as self-supporting. Both had camp meeting associations. Both continue to have associations. The Falcon Camp Meeting is greatly supported by the North Carolina Conference. It is governed by the North Carolina Conference Board.

The Conference at times helps to support special projects of the Piney Gove Camp Meeting. The Conference Superintendent is the manager of both camp meetings. The Hodges Chapel Church Board serves as the primary governing board of the Piney Grove Camp Meeting.

Both camp meetings run eight days. This is most unusual in today's world. Most camp meetings run only three or four days. Both of these camp meetings continue strong with excellent attendance.

Some outstanding speakers have been enlisted for both camp meetings. Reverend Michael Hearp of Virginia and Reverend Stacy Watford of Harkers Island will speak at Piney Grove. Reverend Hearp will speak the first Sunday – August 23. Reverend Watford will speak on Sunday, August 30. They will alternate nightly throughout the week.

The Falcon Camp Meeting will feature a host of speakers. The evening speakers are Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr., of Oklahoma City; Reverend Beth Stephens of Athens, Georgia; Reverend Ron Carpenter, Jr., of Redemption World Outreach Center; Reverend Sean Park of Charismax Ministries, and Bishop Chris Thompson.

The 9:30 a.m. services will feature all church planters. These are as follows:

Monday – Reverend Joe Francisco
Tuesday – Reverend Noah Barefoot, Jr.
Wednesday – Reverend Sandy Nowiski
Thursday – Reverend Larry Wright
Friday – Reverend Luis Manriquez
Saturday – Reverend Tony LeBron
Sunday – Reverend Andy Shaffer

These men and women are on the cutting edge of biblical evangelism. They are planting new churches and winning the lost.

The 11:00 morning sessions will present three speakers – Reverend Demetrius Miles, Reverend Ron Carpenter, Jr., and Reverend Tony LeBron. These men are not only church planters but powerful leaders. They will have some powerful, relevant words to this generation.

The Falcon Camp Meeting will also sponsor a Children's Camp Meeting on Sunday night through Friday night. Reverend Terry Whittenton, alias Whittle-Do, will lead the services. The Children's Camp Meeting will include ages five through ten.

Camp Meeting is a wonderful time. It is a time for the church family to get together. It is a time to seek the Lord. It is a time to hear from the Lord. It is a time to rejoice. It is a time to attend.

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James "Peck" Bullard

November 8, 1927 – June 16, 2009

Brother James Bullard has gone to be with the Lord. Brother Bullard was known to most of us as "Peck." He always said that one day he would grow up and become a "bushel." He was a delightful fellow and strong Christian. For 46 years he was married to the lovely Reverend Carrie Bullard. She preceded him in death on June 12, 1995.

In his last years, Brother Bullard attended faithfully the Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was there with his daughter and family when he was able to go. He and Sister Carrie were blessed with three lovely and supportive children, Saundra, Ricky, and Angel.

Carrie and James Bullard were saved after they were married. In 1968 Carrie Bullard felt called to preach, and called she was. She received her mission worker's license in 1968. She was licensed by the North Carolina Conference in 1991 and ordained in 1992. She was pastor of the Boardman Church for 21 years. She was pastoring the church at the time of her death in 1995.

This couple was greatly used of the Lord. The Boardman Church grew greatly under the leadership of Sister Bullard. Many souls come to know the Lord. She was a lady with a radiant smile, fervent spirit, and powerful anointing. Peck was right by her side. He supported her in the ministry. Where you saw one you saw the other. They were known not only in the International Pentecostal Holiness Church world but also in their community. Their lives were an inspiration to all.

Carrie Bullard preached and pastored successfully in a world that needed the Lord and in a church world that for the large part did not accept lady preachers. She made her own way, led by the Spirit. She was highly successful in part because of the support of her loving husband and family. Every lady preacher needs a husband like Peck. Every preacher needs a spouse like James Bullard.

In my early years at Falcon I grew to love this couple. I preached often for Pastor Carrie and held several revivals for her. I was in their home several times.

They will be missed, but now they are reunited at the feet of Jesus. They lived that way in life. They will rejoice at that position in heaven.

—Bishop Chris Thompson

Reverend Lalleon Narron

June 29, 1929 – July 7, 2009

The celebration service for Pastor Lalleon Narron was held on Friday, July 10, at Parrish Funeral Home in Selma, North Carolina, at 6:00 p.m. Burial was at the Moore's Chapel Church in Kenly, North Carolina, on Saturday, June 11, at 11:00 a.m.

Officiating at the service were Pastor Jerry Banks of Moore's Chapel, Bishop Chris Thompson of the North Carolina Conference, and Reverend Wiley Clark of the North Carolina Conference Retired Ministers. A highlight of the service was the showing of a video of Reverend Narron playing his banjo and piano. In addition, his son Ricky led a quartet in singing some of Brother Narron's favorite hymns.

Reverend Narron was born in Johnston County to the late Roney and Sallie Crocker Narron. He was preceded in death by a daughter who died at birth, Marcia Lynette Narron, and a sister, P. Jay Narron Hill.

He is survived by his precious wife of 57 years, Margie Davis Narron; his two sons, Tim of Kitty Hawk and Ricky of Greenville; sisters, Emma Lilly Evans and Jean Narron Rogers; a brother-in-law, Braxton Hill; and a grandson, T. J. Narron of Kitty Hawk.

Brother Narron was saved in 1952 at the Moore's Chapel Church. He very soon accepted the call to preach and received his mission worker's license that same year. He would be licensed to preach in 1953 at Falcon and ordained in Falcon in 1955. One of his first revivals was at his home church of Moore's Chapel. Twenty-five were saved, 23 were sanctified, and 25 received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord!

Pastor Narron was led to Greenville, South Carolina, to attend Holmes Bible College. He went one year as a single student and two years as a married student. He graduated with the B.S.L. degree.

Brother Narron served 12 churches during his ministry. They are as follows: Tyndall Grove, 1956-57; Hopewell, 1960-64; Winter Park, 1964-67; Shiloh (Wilson), 1967-72; Millennium, 1972-74; St. Paul (Greenville), 1974-76; Williamston First, 1976-82; Belfast, 1982-83; Thunder Swamp, 1983-86; Roper, 1986-90; and Bizzell Grove, 1990-94.

During his pastoral years, Pastor Narron served on the Church Education Board for nine years, Evangelism Board for eight years, and World Missions Committee for four years. He was officially retired in 1994, though he continued to preach, play, and sing. He loved playing the banjo for the Lord.

I thank the Lord for Lalleon Narron. He was a delightful friend and brother. We served together on the Evangelism Board. He will be remembered as a man of God and workhorse for the Lord. He was faithful to his Lord, his calling, and his conference.

—Bishop D. Chris Thompson

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

August/September 2009

Rev. Kenneth Tart.....Aug. 4	Rev. W. M. Cordon.....Sept. 1
Rev. W. H. Tyson.....Aug. 4	Rev. Medford Hopkins.....Sept. 3
Rev. Edsel Hooks.....Aug. 9	Rev. George Weaver.....Sept. 5
Rev. J. H. Norton.....Aug. 18	Rev. Vernon Clark.....Sept. 6
Rev. Mrs. Margaret Horrell.....Aug. 19	Rev. Johnie Pollard.....Sept. 13
Rev. T. H. Godwin.....Aug. 20	Rev. William Wooten.....Sept. 14
Rev. H. P. Woodard.....Aug. 22	Rev. Ralph Jernigan.....Sept. 15
Rev. Joe Arthur.....Aug. 26	Rev. Hill Teachey.....Sept. 17
Rev. W. V. Denning.....Aug. 26	Rev. Jimmy C. Williams.....Sept. 17
Rev. Reuben Mosley.....Aug. 31	Rev. Paul C. Jackson.....Sept. 17

Book Reviews

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Called to Be Holy: A Biblical Perspective

by John N. Oswalt. Nappanee, Indiana: Francis Asbury Press of Evangel Publishing House. 208 pages.

Is it really possible to go beyond "being good" to live a truly transformed life that pleases God? What is the goal of God's grace? Can Jesus Christ deliver us from sinning, including private and favorite sins? Why does God want to make us holy in the first place? Has the Church for the sake of numbers and appearances lost its moral vision? Have Christians found the cosmos to be their comfort zone? When the Holy Spirit gives power to God's people, what is it for? Does the Holy Spirit rain upon people with divided loyalties? If Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven, then why are we admonished to be perfect, even as our Father who is in heaven is perfect? Is it possible for us to maintain an undivided heart for a lifetime? Is it true that the minimum requirement for those who would serve God must be to walk perfectly before God?

These questions and more are addressed in *Called to Be Holy*, which traces the doctrine of holiness through the Old and New Testament, showing that holy living is a unified theme of the entire Bible. The book presents a "well-rounded portrait of the Bible's teaching on godly living." Oswalt contends that the fate of the Christian church in America and around the world depends on what the Church does with the biblical doctrine of holiness. The gospel according to Oswalt is not primarily about having one's sins forgiven and spending a blissful eternity with God after somehow getting through this life with one's faith reasonably intact. It is heretical to think and teach this since it condones and promotes cheap grace. The gospel is not God's appeal to us to adopt a new moral code. The gospel offers a new nature, a new life altogether! Unless Christians are truly transformed into the character of God, the whole purpose of the Church's existence becomes blurred and confused. Since grace and transformation cannot be separated, if there are no observable differences between the lifestyles of Christians and those of the lost world, do they have a right to be called "Christians"?

The Old Testament reveals what that transformation is, while the New Testament reveals what God has done to make the transformation possible. The Bible gives us a direct line to absolute truth! The book consists of 13 chapters and would make an excellent textbook for a class or group study or perhaps a preaching series on holiness. The need for holiness teaching and preaching has never been greater than today. Oswalt stated that when the holy character of God is seen in broken, fallible people, it is obvious that something supernatural has taken place in them. Holiness is the sign of hope for the entire world that sin does not have to have the final word.

Oswalt is very concerned about the message the Church is sending to the world. He wrote, "The Church which has lost sight of the biblical doctrine of holiness tries to market the gospel as a solution for life's difficulties, a source of personal fulfillment, a means of achieving one's desires for significance, and status and power. In other words, it is not a means of escaping the rule of desire; it is a means for fulfilling that rule. One's life purpose is not to be happy by having all desires satisfied by all means necessary. It suggests to people that they need not forsake their favorite sins, that indeed they cannot, but that they can find continuing forgiveness from a God who knows nothing of justice but everything of a sentimental feeling misnamed 'love.' It is a Church that expects to go down the aisle to meet its Bridegroom in a dress as filthy as the one in which he first found her in the gutters of life." Has the Church lost its ability to talk about Good and Evil? How easy it is to allow the world to suck people into its schemes and systems!

If marketing the gospel is the same as selling the gospel, isn't that treating something holy with disdain and for personal gain? Doesn't marketing the gospel and the Church look upon people as consumers? Surely the world, not the Church, caters to lusts and desires! Aren't consumers receivers and seekers of personal fulfillment? Does the Church primarily exist to meet peoples' needs? Is it not true that worship and service are about giving? Is the Father looking for consumers to satisfy or servants to empower for service? Is the Father seeking receivers or worshipers? Are there different brands of the gospel?

Called to Be Holy is a must read for all believers. It is undoubtedly one of the best books on holiness that I have read in my entire life. Just because self-interest dominates our culture, we do not have to capitulate and succumb to this lifestyle. Paganism and idolatrous behaviors do not have to exist in our churches. The Church of Jesus Christ is not a playground of desire. It is not a place so much as it is a people, a redeemed people forgiven by grace, purged by grace, and purified progressively by grace. Its goal is not to fulfill the "desires for pleasure, possessions and power, but that Christ may be formed in it." When our supreme desire is for the glory of God, the gods will fall, the enemies will be scattered, the angels will sing, the cloud of witnesses will rejoice, and God will arise to give strength to the weak, encouragement to the discouraged, and fortitude to the fearful. He will meet the sinner stuck in the miry clay or the desert of increasing desire, yet ever-diminishing satisfaction and fulfillment, and offer salvation and deliverance from the condemnation and power of sin. The broken cisterns of the world fail every time, but the grace of God says that finding, following, keeping, struggling, is He sure to bless? Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, answer: yes! All who have ever come to Jesus Christ have found in Him full, abounding, complete, and, yes, final satisfaction. Happy reading!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

(Galatians 5:1)

The Bible is very explicit about the importance of selecting the right people for a team. Before he picked the 12 apostles, Jesus went out to the mountainside and spent the night praying to God. He knew he had to have just the right team if his message was to be spread throughout the world.

We're all familiar with the acronym TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). I would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," to a great team. We currently have 11 district directors serving the North Carolina Women's Ministries. These ladies serve as liaisons between the conference and the local WM groups. You see them serving as registrars at our retreats, conventions, and leadership training. They share information with you and encourage you to attend the different functions that are planned on the conference level. They plan and execute district rallies and are happy to participate in your activities. We couldn't do all that we do without their help.

On August 22 we will gather in Falcon for our annual training session for our district directors. We have asked them to contact you and share with us what the NCWM can do to help you on the local level. I'm listing the current district directors for your convenience. Please call yours and let her know how much you appreciate her love and devotion to NCWM.

Remember, *"Together we will make a difference."*

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

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- Goldsboro District – Sandra Britt 910-594-1229
- Greenville District – Yvonne Jones 252-527-1431
- Lumberton District – Terri Hodge 910-671-0623
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What to do with that old toothbrush –

- Stove burners and kitchen controls. A stiff toothbrush helps caked-on food come right off. Dip it in soapy water to clean oven knobs and dishwasher buttons.
- Run a toothbrush between the bristles or teeth of your hairbrush & combs to get out residue from sticky hair products.
- Tennis Ball – Got a ring or money you need to hide temporarily? Slit a tennis ball and insert the goods. (Just make sure no one uses it.)

Mrs. Peggy Quinn is a special blessing to the Women's Ministries of the Mt. Olive PHC. She is a gifted seamstress and is using her talents in a special project called "Purses for a Purpose." All proceeds are benefiting different mission projects. Sewing machines have been purchased for Zambia through funds raised from the beautiful custom-designed handbags.

North Carolina Men's Ministries

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Why We Need Men's Ministries

1. Why Do Men Need Other Men?

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8, KJV).

A lion sits and waits for the weakest prey, just as the Devil watches for our weaknesses. At our life's lowest points, he creeps in and leads us astray of God. In order for us to resist the Devil, we must put on the whole armor of God. The armor bearers are the men of the church. They can do the following:

- Hold Each Man Accountable: We need to hold one another accountable. If we do something wrong or backslide, we should be able to count on one another for guidance. We should be honest and forthright in our advice to build each man up to strengthen his Christian walk.
- Help Support His Needs: In times of need, men should be able to come to another man's side and lend support.

  * Mental support with words of kindness and encouragement.
  * Physical support with helping hands, whether it is to build a wheelchair ramp, cut a lawn, or just lend some tools. We can show we are there to help him succeed.
  * Financial support by giving money for specific needs or helping to organize a fund-raiser for large amounts. We could also hire someone for our business or help get him a job when he is unemployed.
  * Spiritual support by praying daily for each other, lifting each man to God and praying for specific needs.

2. Why Do Other People Need Men?

"I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35, KJV).

Jesus was the perfect example of giving of himself to others. We as men can give the following ways:

- Our Church: Jesus can shine through us and shine on others. We can build others up by showing acceptance, love, and kindness. Volunteering our time and resources to build our church into a refuge for everyone. Financially giving, so that our church can grow and continue to minister to others.
- Our Home: We can build and strengthen our relationships with our family. As the head of our households, we can lead a godly life in front of them and help guide them in the direction of God. We give them our whole hearts, trusting in God to lead us. The greatest blessing is seeing our family grow in Christ.
- Our Work: We walk a life before our coworkers showing Jesus. Supporting them in times of need. Giving of ourselves financially and physically to meet their needs. Constantly lifting them in prayer.
- Our Communities: Supporting those in need. Getting a feel for those in need and how they can be served by you. Ministering to those through financial, physical, and spiritual means.

3. Why Did Jesus Need Men?

"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him" (Luke 5:1-11, KJV).

Jesus needed men around him. The above verses show Jesus recruiting fishers of men. This was the first Men's Ministry.

- Jesus Needed Disciples: We need to pick up our cross and follow Jesus. We need to seek His will in our lives. We can fill God's kingdom with other men and in turn others will follow: wives, children, and other family members. Showing Jesus in our daily walk, which should be our goal.
- Jesus Needed Armor Bearers: Men to uplift Him in prayer. To support His ministry and build His Father's kingdom. Helping our Lord through His daily ministry, mentally and physically supporting Him.

Why Do We Need Men's Ministries?

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10, KJV).

Jesus created us in His image. If Jesus ministered to people, then we also should do the same. We need Men's Ministries for others:

- To be an armor bearer for our fellow man, holding him accountable for his actions.
- To support each man in times of need with one or all of these means: financial, physical, mental, and spiritual.
- To build our church by volunteering our abilities and resources, financially giving to increase the ministries of our church.
- To be a leader for our families, showing them the way to Christ by being an example of a godly man.
- To stand out at work as a godly man, being someone coworkers can count on to pray for them.
- To be involved in your community and be able to recognize those in need and what those needs are.
- To be a disciple for Christ to increase His kingdom.
- To be a rock for your pastor, raising him up daily in prayer.

Thank you,
David Nesbitt, Secretary/Treasurer
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Please do not forget our Fall Men's Advance, September 18 and 19 at Falcon, NC.
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PRAYER BRINGS VICTORY OVER FEAR

Have you ever seen a time when there is so much fear in the church?

Fear is… **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal. Fear is the enemy among us, and fear is taking a tremendous toll psychologically, economically, domestically, and physically! The words "Fear not" are used 365 times throughout the Bible. One of the easiest ways to overcome fear is by praying the Word.

Many times the reason people do not pray the Word is that they do not know the Word. Knowing the Word is not enough; we have to believe the Word in the midst of our trials and tribulations. 2 Timothy 1:7 – "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." The Lord has provided freedom for us because fear is not from God, as it brings sickness and bondage.

Would you like your prayers to be more powerful? Pray the Scriptures. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is alive and powerful, sharper than a two-edged sword. When we speak and pray the Scriptures, we are coming into agreement with God, and His power is released to answer our prayers. The Word of God builds a shield around you that fear cannot enter. Treat the Word of God as though God spoke it directly to you. Agree with the Word as you pray it over and over. Confess boldly regardless of feelings and present thoughts.

Exodus 14: 13-14 – "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

Psalm 56:11 – "In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me."

Fear feeds on anxiety, strife, turmoil, and confusion, so develop a quiet and confident spirit. Proverbs 14:26 – "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence; and his children have a place of refuge." Hebrews 10:35-36 – "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompense of reward. Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise."

Fear is overcome by giving thanks. 2 Chronicles 20:22 – "When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."

Fear is destroyed by our will. Romans 6:16 – "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey..." Isaiah 54:14 – "In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

Fear is destroyed by seeking God. Psalm 34:4 – "I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

Perfect love destroys fear. 1 John 4:18 – There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

Although you may find it difficult, Fear not, even in the face of major problems. The devil distracts us with all the "what if's" and all the worries. This is a time when we have to stay focused, using the scripture to send the devil fleeing. Fear not; God will help you. He will never leave you, nor will He forsake you.

Use these and other scriptures to remind God of His word. Isaiah 41:10 – "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: Be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not; I will help thee." Isaiah 41:13-15 – "Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff." Fear not; God will deliver you.

Isaiah 43:1, 2 – "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, Thou art mine, when thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned."

The Bible is full of verses and words of God. I encourage you to use the Word of God when you pray. It is your weapon and sword. Pray, and when you pray, *Pray the Word.*

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MWF PROGRAM COMMITTEE IS GEARING UP FOR OUR FELLOWSHIP MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

The MWF program committee for the 2009 Fellowship Meeting and Meal is gearing up for our exciting program that is coming up soon during the Falcon Camp Meeting. Our ministers' wives, widows of ministers, and lady ministers are all getting excited about our meeting and meal scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. Our guest speaker this year is Mrs. Joy Burchett, who works in ministry with her husband, Rev. Don Burchett, former bishop of the Kansas Conference. They are now available for ministry in several areas. You will find that Mrs. Joy is such an inspiration in her life and ministry. You will thoroughly enjoy this year's program.

We want to encourage all age groups of ministers' wives and lady ministers to come to our meeting this year. We were excited last year to have at least 13 new ministers' wives or lady ministers who had not been to one of our fellowship meetings before. There were several of our younger ministers' wives and lady ministers included in this group. We hope you will all feel welcome to come to our fellowship meeting and any other get-togethers that we may have, such as the MPM meetings in the fall. We need one another in fellowship and in service to our God.

CHOICES

Are we our brother's keeper? Some would say that we are not, that we are just being busybodies. What are our choices in this matter? If we choose to ignore those who are in need, we tend to become hardened to the needs of those around us, and we could even be considered self-centered and uncaring! Many times when we fail to help someone if we are capable of doing so, we lose the blessing of God that we would receive from helping him or her. The ultimate result of not responding to the need of someone could even be the loss of winning a soul to Christ!

We all have choices in our lives every day, and our fullness of life depends on the choices we make! Choices are a witness to what we really want, love, and think. Choices are like a stone that is thrown across a pond or body of water and sends out ripples until it stops. Choices create a ripple effect on our lives as well as on the lives of others. We are responsible for everyone! Just as a child is growing up in your home, everything that you do or say affects that child. We need to be careful of the choices that we make. God's Word urges us to make "excellent" choices that emanate from a heart fully committed to Jesus. (Thoughts and phrases taken from "The Daily Bread," January 2008)

2 Timothy 3:14-17 reads as follows: "But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Please consider the words of the following little poem:

Do a deed of simple kindness,
Though its end you may not see;
It may reach, like widening ripples,
Down a long eternity. (Norris)

Every choice we make affects someone who touches our lives, and we need to be ever conscious of this truth! A life bathed in the love of Jesus and His presence will make the choices of life so much easier. Remember that Jesus Christ is our example, and we can trust in His choices. He will lead and guide us to do His will and ultimately to meet the needs of those around us. Yes, I would say that we are our brother's keeper!

MISSION – PRAYER – MINISTRY

The MPM meetings for the fall will soon be starting, and you need to be there if you are a minister, minister's wife, widow of a minister, or lady minister. These are always very important meetings for each of us. The ministers receive instruction and advice on different phases of the ministry in the sessions with the superintendent. The wives of the ministers usually spend time with the superintendent's wife and share a devotion, prayer requests, and a sharing time, which is most needed for each of us in the day in which we are living. There are usually district meetings on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings in districts that are close together. If you work during the day outside the home, then make plans to go to the Tuesday night meeting.

We usually meet at an announced restaurant in the district for supper and then go to a church in the area for our time together. Each year we tend to have more and more of our ministers and their spouses come. It is a good time of getting to know one another through sharing and caring. We come away knowing that the God we serve loves and cares about every need within our lives! Come and be a part of the MPM Meetings in the fall. There will be a schedule announced soon.

May God bless! Our love and prayers are with you all!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

N.C. CONFERENCE ARCHIVES HERITAGE ROOM IS BACK!

The N.C. Conference Archives Department Heritage Room will be open again this year during camp meeting. We hope you will go around the right hallway of the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium to the back classroom area, where we will again have our displays set up for camp meeting. You will see plenty of pictures, memorabilia, and even Brother Julius A. Culbreth's rocking chair. (Of course, we ask that you do not sit in this priceless heirloom!)

Since this is a General Conference year, we plan to have pictures and articles from several of our General Conferences of the past. There will also be songbooks, General Conference Minutes and the General Superintendents' Reports to the General Church. I believe you will find this display interesting.

We will also have our Falcon historical afghans on display on our new solid oak display case. This case was built and beautifully handcrafted by Mr. Everett Thornton and Rev. Jim Skinner of the St. John PH Church. Please go by and see this beautiful handiwork.

Please make an effort to visit our Heritage Room. We will have a sign in the front lobby to point the way to the Heritage Room and to serve as a reminder of where we will be located. Come early for the services and spend time enjoying the exhibits. The room will be open between services.

"...WRITTEN FOR OUR LEARNING..."

Romans 15:4 reads as follows: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Paul reminds us that whatever God had written down for us in His word was for us to learn from and be encouraged by. His word is a witness that God is faithful and that no matter what comes our way, we can live a happy, victorious life. His word is a comfort and an enduring hope that God is with us and is aware of everything that touches our lives.

Joshua 24:26-27 says: "And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God."

God intends for us to remember His goodnesses and His mighty works in our lives. Not only are we to remember, but also we are to make sure our children and grandchildren know the mighty works that God has done in our lives. If we don't witness to others of God's presence in our lives, they may drift further and further away from God. I'm sure you have noticed, as well as I, that each generation of believers loses closeness with God simply because they do not know of the relationship with God of those who came before them.

Today's generation is close to God in ways that maybe we are not, but sometimes they are missing some of the joys of a relationship with God that maybe they haven't been exposed to in their lives. God gives us these memorial stones that we may encourage one another. We profit from others' relationships with the Lord. We need the witness of this generation to encourage and inspire us as we have never been inspired before. This generation needs our input also because there are memorial stones standing all around us, and their witness needs to be shared in our everyday lives.

If you would like to memorialize a minister, minister's spouse, lady minister, a dear saint in the church, or a treasured relative who inspired your life, please write down information about them and send it to us here in the Conference Archives. So many times when a person dies, we realize just how little we know about a person or how we have neglected to record the lives of these dear people! Their Christian experience with the Lord is a memorial stone, and by giving their witness of the Lord in their lives, we can be inspired and encouraged to keep going in our Christian life. Write down their life story (or your own) and share it with someone or, especially, with the Conference Archives. By sharing these testimonies, you will be giving our Lord some of the highest praise possible! He desires our praise, and we owe Him so much more. Remember, "...Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Until next time... May God bless!

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

UNA JUVENTUD VISITADA POR EL SEÑOR

CAPAMENTO JUVENIL "PASION" 2009

Simplemente no podemos parar de declarar y celebrar las bondades del Señor y lo que sigue haciendo en el ministerio hispano de nuestra conferencia. Todo el que se dispone a buscar una intervención de Dios en alguna área, la recibe. Las respuestas de Dios son a veces diferentes de lo que estamos anhelando y pidiendo, pero son sus respuestas, y en vez de aceptarlas con resignación, debemos recibirlas con gozo y confianza, al saber que El conoce todas las cosas y se manifiesta soberanamente como El quiere. El es perfecto, santo, bueno y justo; todas sus obras son correctas y aceptadas sin discusión ni queja, sino con alabanza y acción de gracias.

Es así como expresamos acciones de gracias a Dios por su intervención en el campamento Juvenil Hispano. Cerca de 180 jóvenes se reunieron en Falcon, por tres días el pasado mes, para adorar, aprender, confraternizar, jugar y recibir un toque especial del Espíritu Santo. Fue tan hermoso ver esa juventud anhelando más de Dios y atendiendo al llamado de entrega y consagración en el altar, bajo la voz del Señor con su Palabra y Su Espíritu.

Este campamento juvenil es valioso para que los jóvenes se reencuentren con su propósito y llamado, aprendiendo que la única vida que poseen puede y debe vivirse en abundancia, al reafirmar y profundizar su relación con Dios y que su, su tiempo, talentos y oportunidades deben ser usados para crecer, e invertidos para producir alabanza al Señor y para edificar las vidas de otras personas.

Estos jóvenes fueron visitados por el Señor durante esos tres días, en los cuales definieron formas de pensar, decisiones, planes personales y sobre todo una entrega de sus vidas para ser llenas del Espíritu Santo y usadas para la gloria de Dios. Hay varios testimonios de jóvenes que fueron tremendamente bendecidos con la presencia de Dios en toda la programación que se llevó a cabo. Jóvenes que fueron restaurados y tocados seriamente por el Señor, celebraron y agradecieron por haber estado allí.

Deseamos agradecer al equipo de trabajo que organizótodos los detalles y aspectos del campamento. Este equipo de muchachos es de varias congregaciones, quienes se reunieron en varias ocasiones para planificar y habla acerca del campamento. Encomiamos el esfuerzo y dedicación de Mario Hernández, miembro de la iglesia Manantial de Vida de la ciudad de Winterville. Mario ha sido el líder y director de la realización de este campamento juvenil. También queremos expresar y valorar el esfuerzo de todos los demás; desde los trabajadores en las puertas,

las cocineras, y los encargados de la limpieza. Que Dios les bendiga a todos!

El orador principal del evento Rev. Abel López y su compañero el hermano Santos, hicieron un trabajo extraordinario al compartir la Palabra de Dios en una forma eficaz y actual. Los jóvenes fueron tremendamente beneficiados con la exposición del mensaje. También hubo otros que compartieron un taller de enseñanza, todos los cuales fueron de mucha bendición. Ellos son los hermanos Jasmina Reyes, Uziel Morales, Julio Maldonado y Pablo Avila. Que Dios sea honrado por estar levantando predicadores jóvenes en nuestras iglesias.

YOUTH VISITED BY THE LORD

YOUTH CAMP "PASSION" 2009

We simply cannot stop declaring and celebrating the goodness of the Lord and what He keeps doing in the Hispanic ministry of our conference. Anyone who is preparing to seek an intervention from God in some area will receive it. The answers of God are sometimes different from what we are longing and asking for, but they are His answers, and instead of accepting with resignation, we must receive them with joy and confidence, knowing that He knows all things and manifests His sovereignty as He wants. He is perfect, holy, good, and just, and all his works are correct and accepted without question or complaint, but with praise and thanksgiving.

Thus we express thanksgiving to God for His intervention in the Hispanic Youth Camp. Some 180 youths gathered in Falcon for three days last month to worship, learn, fellowship, play, and receive a special touch of the Holy Spirit. It was so wonderful to see the young people coming to the altar, yearning toward God and taking the call of dedication and consecration under the voice of the Lord in His word and His Spirit.

This youth camp is valuable for young people to rediscover their purpose and calling, learning that the only life they have they must live in abundance, to reaffirm and deepen their relationship with God; and their time, talents, and opportunities should be used to grow and be invested to produce praise to the Lord and build the lives of others.

These youngsters were visited by the Lord during those three days, in which they defined ways of thinking, personal decisions, plans, and above all, a personal dedication of their lives to be filled with the Holy Spirit and used for the glory of God. There are several testimonies of young people who were tremendously blessed by the presence of God in all the programming that was taking place in this camp. Young people who were seriously affected and restored by the Lord celebrated and expressed gratitude for being there.

We wish to thank the team that organized all the details and aspects of the camp. This team of boys and girls from many congregations met several times to plan and talk about the camp. We commend the effort and dedication of Mario Hernandez, a member of the Spring of Life Church in the city of Winterville. Mario has been the leader and director of the realization of this youth camp. We also want to express appreciation for the efforts of all others, from workers at the doors, cooks, and those responsible for the cleanup. May God bless you all!

The main speaker of the event, Rev. Abel Lopez, and his partner-brother Santos did an outstanding job in sharing the Word of God in an effective, great way. The young people tremendously benefited from the preaching of the message. There were also others who shared teaching workshops, all of whom were a great blessing. They are Jasmina Reyes, Uziel Morales, Julio Maldonado, and Pablo Avila. God is honored to be raising young preachers in our churches.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Lalleon Narron

Went to heaven on July 7, 2009

Where Are They Now...?

Tom and Eva Holliday

Do you believe in love at first sight? Well, evidently there are some who do, and among them are Eva (Thomas) and Garland (Tom) Holliday.

Their relationship began back in 1954 when Eva attended a weekend revival conducted by Tom Holliday and Rev. Thad White in Williamston, NC. When Eva heard Tom preach, he was the first holiness minister she had ever heard. His ministry greatly affected her life, and she gave her heart to the Lord and was sanctified.

Their love for each other grew rapidly, and in 3 months Tom and Eva were married. At the time, he was a member of the Bethany PH Church, and he asked his pastor, Rev. George Casper, to perform their ceremony. On Friday night, April 30, 1954, at the close of a revival service conducted by Rev. C. L. Turpin, Tom and Eva exchanged their marriage vows and have recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

The year following their marriage Tom received his local minister's license and joined the NC Conference. He was assigned to the Carson Memorial PH Church, and since that year, Tom and Eva have pastored 8 churches in our conference over a period of 43 years. Two of his churches, Meadow Brook (Greenville) and Hamilton, he pastored for 10 and 20 years, respectively. Following his official retirement, he continued on at Hamilton as interim pastor and also served the Hassell FWB Church for a short while. In addition, Tom worked for over 30 years within the NC Agricultural Statistics Department as a supervisor in crop reporting. In January 2008 he was honored with a retirement party from this department with a host of family and friends attending.

Tom and Eva have been blessed with six children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their oldest grandson, Jay Holliday, has chosen to follow in his "Papa's" footsteps. He is a youth minister at Central Baptist Church in Wendell, NC, and a student at Wake Forest Seminary. The Hollidays are very proud of their close family, most of whom are serving the Lord and are involved in ministry in some way.

Tom and Eva enjoy good health. They rejoice in the blessings of God and look forward to serving Him for many more years to come.

THIS OLD HOUSE

A few days ago I came upon an old song written by Stuart Hamblen entitled **"This Old House."** Before Mr. Hamblen would sing the song, he often told how it came about. He recalled that he and a companion were hunting in the mountains, way out in the wilderness, when they discovered an old house. The house was surrounded by a rickety old fence, the gate hanging on one hinge and a bony hound dog in the front yard. They made their way carefully up the decayed front steps and stood on the porch. The door was ajar, the blinds were dangling, the windows were broken out, and no one answered when they called.

When they pushed the front door open, they found an old man lying on the floor. He had been called into eternity. What a picture it was of the departure of the real man from the "old house" – the body in which he had lived.

As I continued reading, I thought of my longtime friend and fellow worker **Rev. Lalleon Narron**, who has just gone to be with the Lord. Lalleon was a very talented person and could do many things, including construction work. He started building his earthly house 12 years before he retired, working whenever time would allow. One day while I was visiting with him, he took me to see it. The house was just dried in, and we were standing in the unfinished living room, where he said, *"...And when Margie and I move in, it will be ours, paid in full."* It was finally finished, and he and Margie lived there for 15 wonderful years. He painted and repaired it when needed and kept it in excellent condition.

However, due to age and factors unknown to him, Lalleon's physical house began to show signs of deterioration, much like the house that Hamblen described in his song. Toward the end, when confusion and disorientation set in, he often asked Margie to take him "home." She would lovingly drive him around until he recognized his house. They would stop and go in: he was satisfied... he was home. Well, on July 7, 2009, Lalleon went home, this time to his heavenly home – "a home not made with hands" – like the one described by Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. Mr. Hamblen describes our earthly house in these words:

Verse 1: "This old house once knew my children; This old house once knew my wife; This old house was home and comfort as we fought the storms of life; This old house once rang with laughter; This old house heard many shouts; Now she trembles in the darkness when the night wind walks about."

Verse 2: "This old house is a-gettin' shaky; This old house is a-gettin' old; This old house lets in the rain; This old house lets in the cold; On my knees I'm a-gettin' chilly, but I feel no fear or pain, 'Cause I see an angel peekin' thru' a broken window pane."

Chorus: "Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer, ain't a-gonna need this house no more; Ain't got time to fix the shingles, ain't got time to fix the floor; Ain't got time to oil the hinges nor to mend no window panes; Ain't a-gonna need this house no longer; I'm a-getting ready to meet the saints."

Enjoy the rest, my dear friend. We'll see you in the morning! –wtc

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

I am amazed and give God all the praise and credit for what He is accomplishing in Evangelism in the NC Conference. In the most recent quadrennium (2005-2008), God blessed us with 63 new churches. That is an awesome accomplishment! Also during that quadrennium, there have been quite a number of existing churches that have experienced renewal/revival/revitalization. We can all share as pastors, congregations, and ministers in the benefits and blessings of these statistics. However, all of these statistics and renewals equal new souls, reclaimed souls, mended marriages, families, etc., and are just a springboard for 2009 and beyond. This is not a time to rest; I truly believe the harvest potential is great, and there are numerous opportunities to plant churches, bring in churches that are looking for an umbrella, and revitalize existing churches.

Since January 1 of this year, God has blessed us with *seven* new churches. Two of those seven are existing churches that we have brought into our fellowship in the last month. The following is a brief summary of each organizational service:

June 14 Worship Service

Pastors Kevin & Sheila Robinson

Divine Empowerment Charter Members

On Sunday, June 14, we were privileged to be at **Divine Empowerment International** in Fayetteville, NC, to organize and bring them into the fellowship of the IPHC. Pastors Kevin and Sheila Robinson planted the church four years ago. Brother Robinson joined our conference several months ago. The church has a charter membership of 45. There is great opportunity for growth for this church; they are already looking for new property for expansion. The service of organization was a powerful time of worship and praise, and a great sermon was delivered by Conference Bishop Chris Thompson. We are truly excited about this addition and look forward to working with this new family member!

July 5 Worship Service

Pastors Glenn and Mary King

Grace & Mercy Outreach Charter Members

On Sunday, July 5, we were again honored to welcome a new church into the fellowship of the IPHC. **Grace and Mercy Outreach** was planted two years by Pastors Glenn and Mary King. Brother King joined the NC Conference two months ago. The service was indeed powerful, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was present in a great way. Bishop Thompson conveyed a great sermon, and at the time of organization there were 43 charter members. We are excited with this new addition to the fellowship of the IPHC and anticipate working with them to build the Kingdom.

I am also grateful to Rev. Stacy Hilliard, our African-American coordinator, who has been so beneficial in bringing these churches our way, as well as the other African-American churches that are now a part of our fellowship.

MISSION:M25
MINISTRY OF HOPE

I am pleased to announce the appointment of ***Tommy and Donna Hendrix*** as the new directors of the **Mission:M25 Ministries** in the North Carolina Conference. They are members of Kingdom Place Church in Lumberton, NC, and are actively involved in prison ministry. I believe they will be a great husband/wife team, working to bring Mission:M25 to the next level. They will soon be in contact with the present chapters of Mission:M25 and will be working to increase conference participation in this vital and beneficial ministry. Welcome, Tommy and Donna

The following is a brief testimonial from Cherrill Goodwin, one of our local M:25 coordinators, regarding her ministry in prisons, both locally and across the United States. What a blessing Cherrill is to this ministry!

"This amazing journey in the Lighthouse Jail and Prison Ministry began in 2003 when the Lord called me to begin ministering to the female inmates in our local jail. I would go in weekly to lead worship, preach the Word, and pray with the inmates, and we also began corresponding some then.

Through our relationship with a Florida inmate related to one of our church members, we began to receive more requests for materials and correspondence. Now, since that time, we regularly correspond with and send ministry materials (including Bible studies) to several hundred inmates in 175 prisons and 9 jails in 30 states. I also personally answer each new inmate who begins corresponding with us.

About three years ago I was curious about prisons in Alabama, and I began to search the prisons online. The first inmate I saw on that search was on death row for murder, and I felt compelled to write him. We began corresponding. At first, he complained that God had put him on death row. I told him that it was his choices that had put him there. We started sending him the Bible studies to help him understand the Bible and who God really is. Over time, I could see that the Holy Spirit was changing him. Then one day I received a letter from him testifying that he had repented and asked Jesus Christ to be Lord of his life! Oh, how I praised God for another brother in the Lord!

The other day I received a letter from the prison that this brother has been executed. I sat and cried, thanking the Lord that he is now in Heaven and that one day soon I will see him.

This is only one of many special blessings we have received through this ministry. Those whom society considers to be 'throwaways' are still precious in God's sight. We are privileged to share Jesus Christ with them!"

Cherrill Goodwin
Local Missions Director and Mission M:25 Coordinator
Graham Memorial PH Church

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

A Fresh, New Approach

Jon S. Oliver, Conference CEM Director

There are times in ministry when we need to examine why we do what we do. Are we satisfied with the status quo, or are we striving to be effective?

The problem is we don't like change. But is it really important what we like or dislike? Or is being effective the most important goal? After examining, we must realize there are risks and rewards to change.

This past January was one of those times for me. I sensed in my spirit that the CEM Convention was not going to be normal or usual. I felt that God had dropped the theme "RENEW" in my spirit for the 2009 CEM Convention. People involved in any ministry must be ministered to if they are going to continue to be effective in ministry and to keep them from getting used up and burned out.

This year's speaker, Bishop Ricky Sinclair, flowed with the Holy Spirit to allow people to be ministered to. I must admit, I was disappointed in the attendance. But God knew exactly who would be there, and He came and ministered to each one in a real, personal way.

I must also admit that I was anxious about attempting a fresh approach and even questioned God. But in the midst of my questioning, I received some e-mails, phone calls, and letters from people who were ministered to at the CEM Convention. One pastor even thanked me for "thinking outside of the box." As anyone in ministry knows, we don't do things simply for accolades or thank-yous. But it surely is nice to have confirmation that a different, fresh approach was the right action.

I would like to share with you a few of the comments that we received from those who attended the CEM Convention.

"This year's event was so different than previous years. It wasn't what I was expecting at all, but it was certainly what I needed."

"My personal reaction as well as those who attended from my church was that the approach was refreshing both for our personal lives and in the context of our ministry responsibilities… I deeply appreciate your willingness to stretch us and move us beyond our expectations of the usual."

"The CEM Convention was very refreshing. I think it was what I needed."

I thank God for what He is doing now in Church Education Ministries and for what He is doing in the lives of those to whom we are privileged to minister. We will prayerfully continue to minister to the folks of the NC Conference in new, fresh ways as God leads us. And our prayer is that you will continue to be blessed.

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Bishop Jim and Regenia Whitfield

Betty and D. Chris Thompson

FOLLOWING HIS DIRECTION!

I feel like Jacob in Hebrews 11:21. "By faith Jacob, when he was a-dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff." No, I do not feel I am dying. No, I do not feel like I am at the end of my ministry. I feel quite the contrary. I have just arrived at the place where I feel I can be used of the Lord. He has taught me much in the last few years, and I am still learning.

I am learning to be a worshiper. It is my desire to worship Him and to please Him. I identify with Jacob in that I want to worship and I lean on all His past blessings and miracles in my life. The Jewish man's staff was a literal record of his life and God's blessings to him.

I worship and I rejoice in His past blessings. His blessings have been so abundant. Yet I focus not on the past but on the future. The Lord has richly given His favor to the North Carolina Conference and me. We praise Him, but we do not dwell in the past. Let us look to the future. There is yet much work to be done.

Betty and I have been called to the IPHC Global Ministry Center in Oklahoma City. On July 30 at General Conference I was elected to the position of executive director of Evangelism USA and the general secretary of the denomination. It will be my pleasure to serve with Presiding Bishop Dr. Ron Carpenter, Sr.; Dr. A. D. Beacham, the director of World Missions; and Reverend Talmadge Gardner, the director of Discipleship Ministries.

The General Church has undergone some major restructuring. I am honored and humbled to be a member of the team to execute the changes. I feel the church has been fine-tuned for greater ministry and expansion.

I have been blessed to participate in many miracles within the North Carolina Conference. Betty and I and our three sons moved to Falcon in 1986. I had been selected as the new Evangelism director, replacing my dear friend Reverend L. B. Collins, who had been caught by the statute of limitations. Reverend James Leggett was the newly elected conference superintendent. I would serve as Evangelism director until 1990. I then became Evangelism/World Missions director. Reverend T. Elwood Long was the superintendent. In 1994, I was elected assistant superintendent. I was also appointed Archives director. On January 1, 2001, I became the superintendent of the North Carolina Conference. I have been blessed and honored to serve in that position since that time.

I am utterly astounded and amazed at what the Lord has done in the North Carolina Conference since Betty and I moved to Falcon. I have been blessed, honored, and highly favored to minister in conference leadership with some fantastic men and women. I served with two fantastic and greatly anointed superintendents, James Leggett and Elwood Long.

I offer these facts as testimony to God and to how the Lord has highly blessed our conference.

	1986	Now
Members	17,168	31,000
Churches	156	247
Hispanic Churches	0	64
African-American Churches	0	10
Number of Ministers	368	623
Missions	$240,000	Nearly $1.8 million
General Tithe	$269,000	$956,753
Conference Budget	$351,000	$956,753
Minister's Tithe	$278,000	$1,075,024
Loan Fund	$1.4 Million	Over $20 Million

Yes, the conference has been greatly blessed. Yet we have only just begun. I believe with all my heart that "The Best Is Yet to Come!" Time is short. Jesus IS coming!

"But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation..." (Hebrews 6:9).

I am so thrilled that Bishop Jim Whitfield is the new superintendent. He has been such a blessing to me as the assistant

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Following His Direction continued...

superintendent. He is a man of God and man of great vision. His first lady, Regenia, will be a great leader of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship. Together they will be a God-anointed team for the North Carolina Conference. Betty and I pray the best for them.

My immediate vision in Oklahoma City as Evangelism USA director is to work closely with Presiding Bishop Ron Carpenter to implement his vision and the 2009 Polity Committee Report. I hope to carry the miracles of growth and expansion realized here to the eight new districts for which I will be responsible.

My prayer is to continue to plant churches and to greatly expand our ethnic outreach. May the Lord give us a national church that resembles the communities in which we live.

Please pray for Betty and me during this time of transition. We have many personal decisions to make as to housing and movement of family members.

We will return to North Carolina and at some future time plan to retire in Falcon, Lord willing! She will have flowers, a dog, a cat, and chickens. I will have books, tomatoes, and a shop. We both will enjoy our grandchildren.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays
September/October 2009

Rev. W. M. Cordon	September 1
Rev. Medford Hopkins	September 3
Rev. George Weaver	September 5
Rev. Vernon Clark	September 6
Rev. Johnie Pollard	September 13
Rev. William Wooten	September 14
Rev. Ralph Jernigan	September 15
Rev. Hill Teachey	September 17
Rev. Jimmy C. Williams	September 17
Rev. Paul C. Jackson	September 17
Rev. J. B. Perry	October 3
Rev. W. A. Crawford	October 3
Rev. William Dunning	October 6
Rev. Samuel Weaver, Sr.	October 10
Rev. W. B. Satterfield	October 13
Rev. Kenneth Dixon	October 13
Rev. Thomas Conway	October 14
Rev. Thesbia Byrd	October 15
Rev. Linwood Manning	October 15
Rev. Lotis Joyner	October 17
Rev. Wayne E. White	October 17
Rev. Karen Sapp	October 27
Rev. Louise Smith	October 31

Bishop Jim C. Whitfield

Bishop Jim C. Whitfield grew up and was saved in the Thunder Swamp Church near Mt. Olive, North Carolina. He received his Local Church Minister's license (then called Mission Worker's) in 1959. He was licensed by the conference in 1961 and ordained in 1963.

Brother Whitfield is a graduate of Holmes Bible College of Greenville, South Carolina. He also graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College of Rocky Mount and Carter Evangelical College of Goldsboro. He earned his master's degree in religion at Carter College.

While at Holmes Bible College he met his companion and wife, Regenia Hewitt, of Winnsboro, South Carolina. They would be married at the Culbreth Memorial Church in Falcon on August 17, 1963. Sister Whitfield had worked a couple of years at the Falcon Children's Home.

Bishop Whitfield pastored these churches in Florida—Deland, Elim Home Missions Project, and Daytona Beach. In addition, he served several years as the conference Christian Education director.

He came back to North Carolina in 1975 and served three years as a conference evangelist. He then pastored his home church of Thunder Swamp. For the past 27 years he has pastored the mother church of the denomination—The First Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina. When he was assigned to The First Church, the church averaged 170 in attendance. The church in 2008 averaged 629 in worship, with nearly 1,100 on Easter Sunday. Praise the Lord for the growth. Brother Whitfield comes to the conference office with 41 years of pastoral experience.

Reverend Whitfield has served two tenures on the North Carolina Conference Board. Both tenures add to a total of 17 years. He has served as assistant superintendent for the last nine years.

Brother Whitfield is presently the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Holmes Bible College. He has served on several General Church boards and committees. In the last quadrennium he served on the Apostolic Task Force.

Bishop and Mrs. Whitfield are the parents of four children (two boys and two girls) and have nine grandchildren.

We welcome this man and woman of God to lead this, the mother conference of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, the North Carolina Conference.

Book Reviews

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Greed as Idolatry: The Origin and Meaning of a Pauline Metaphor

by Brian S. Rosner. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 214 pages.

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, the 20th-century Welsh preacher, declared, "Anything that you and I tend to set up as the big thing, the central thing, in our lives, the thing about which we think and dream, the thing that engages our imagination, the thing that we live for, the thing that gives us the biggest thrill; if it is anything other than God, it is idolatry." If greed as a form of idolatry is the ruthless desire for and seeking after material things, then it puts self-interest and things in place of God. When examining the corrupt nature of the Laodicean Church (Revelation 3:14-17) and the paganization of the faith, it may be described in the name of tolerance and inclusivity as a materialist, secularist-minded, self-serving church. The strong Christological indictment of being wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked contains the distinctive marks of gross idolatry. The whole orientation of pagan worship was for personal gain and advantage, seeking to control the deity. Since we become what we worship, for ruin or restoration, financial prosperity deceived the Laodiceans into a false sense of security and encouraged adoption of a pagan culture. And so, as in the days of Isaiah (44:9-20), who marveled at the blindness of the idol-makers and idol-worshipers, the very nature of spiritual blindness implies either a blatant denial of such or the total inability to see the truth as it is.

Rosner wrote, "The judgment that greed is idolatry (Colossians 3:5) and the greedy person is an idolater (Ephesians 5:5) is startling, given that the prohibition of idolatry is central to biblical religion and that it is the unspeakable sin that alone arouses God's powerful jealousy." Thus, idolatry and greed in all forms are to be rejected by the Christian church. Idolatry by its very nature and purpose puts the control in the will of the idolater, thus challenging the sovereignty of God. Rosner concludes that the comparison of greed with idolatry teaches that a desire to acquire and keep for oneself more money and material things is an attack on God's exclusive right to human love, trust, and obedience.

The Bible teaches that idolatry views God alone as not sufficient for needs, fulfillment, and life satisfaction. When Israel worshiped idols, they were hoping for more prosperity and protection for their lives. Yahweh was not discarded altogether, but His absolute sovereignty over them as an exclusive right was challenged, thus providing no compelling reason to keep the laws or to remain pure in the covenantal relationship. Therefore, the love of money corrupts the heart and distances the person from God.

As he traces "greed is idolatry" throughout the history of interpretation, the author contends: greed is as bad as idolatry; greed leads to idolatry; greed is the worship of the god or demon "mammon"; greed is slavery imposed by the economic system; greed is service and obedience to wealth; and greed is inordinate love of and devotion to wealth. He considers the Pauline references of Colossians 3:5 and Ephesians 5:5 in seeking to answer the questions, "Who are the greedy?" and "What is idolatry?" The result of the inquiry concluded that the greedy are those with a strong desire to acquire and keep for themselves more and more money and possessions because they love, trust, and obey wealth rather than God.

The spirit of idolatry looms large in society and in the church. Wealth and prosperity can rival God in His rightful place as Sovereign Lord. Anything that diminishes our devotion to Jesus Christ robs Him of His glory. The scene of Christ standing and knocking on the door offering fellowship to the self-deluded members of the congregation conveys a powerful message to the postmodern church. Greed as idolatry must be overcome as the promise to overcomers suggests (Revelation 3:21). To overcome implies doing battle and fighting against something. True Christians reject and resist the spirit of idolatry. The Apostle Paul urged, "Put to death… evil desires and greed, which is idolatry!" The way to avoid sinful idolatry is to have a wholehearted consecration to the Lord that finds expression in pure worship and righteous service.

The publication is a must read for any serious-minded Christian. The goal of the book was to investigate the origin and meaning of the metaphor "greed is idolatry," and in my estimation, Rosner accomplished his goal. The greedy, idolaters, and those who engage in sexual immorality as a form of greed do not know God. Since God is either high-voltage danger or overflowing salvation, the wise person flees these vices as energetically as one flees hell! The only refuge from the holy wrath is God's holy love! Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

(Prov. 3:5, 6)

This summer I was able to spend some quality time with my daughter and her family in Georgia. It was wonderful to be with the grandchildren and watch them play as well as aggravate each other. One morning I watched my son-in-law as he picked up Maddie and threw her in the air. She just laughed as she came back into his arms. Then Carter pulled at his daddy's pants legs and said, "Do it to me, Daddy; do it to me!" So Alan picked him up, and up in the air he went. When Alan put him down, he started, "Do again, Daddy; do it again!" The Lord placed a nugget in my spirit that morning: He wants us to trust Him in the same matter. With the uncertain times we are living in, God wants us to know that He loves us and He cares about the things that affect us.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Fall District Conferences. WM workshops will be presented at each district conference. All women are encouraged to attend. We will be sharing information about upcoming events, as well as receiving the Feast of Ingathering offerings. Please come prepared to present your check for our church schools. Our goal this year is $75,000. North Carolina Conference continues to lead in giving to our church schools.

Thank you for your continued support, and as Carter says, "Let's do it again!" If you are unable to attend, checks should be mailed to Marjorie Teachey no later than September 28.

Remember, *"Together we will make a difference."*

In His Amazing Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

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Sharing Sisters

What a wonderful time we had! The ladies from Gospel Tabernacle hosted St. Matthews as we met in Dunn on June 9. I had the privilege of being with them. We had a wonderful meal, and then Ms. Ruby Wood had devotion about sisters supporting and sharing with one another. We ended the evening as we relaxed with some games and great fellowship. Ladies, thank you so much for sharing who you are and what we are about with one another!

Submitted by Deanna Barney,
Clinton District Director

Upcoming Events...

Girls' Ministries Week – September 13-19
Wild About God: A Spiritual Safari

Grandparents' Day – Sunday, September 13

See You at the Pole – Wednesday, September 23

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The Changing of the Guard

We serve a mighty God, one who establishes men and women and places them in positions of leadership and authority. Through the tool of the General Conference, God has spoken, calling our own Bishop Chris Thompson to step up and shoulder a new, broader responsibility as the director of Evangelism USA for the IPHC.

We say farewell to Brother Chris as he heads to Oklahoma to assume this new position, knowing he will be a blessing to our entire denomination just as he has been to the North Carolina Conference. We will surely miss him as our leader. Not only has he been a friend, but he has also been a great man to follow because of the dedicated way he follows Jesus. In the past 11 years under his anointed leadership, we have seen many productive changes that have brought continued physical and spiritual growth to our conference and the kingdom of God.

Brother Chris, please know that the board of Men's Ministries, all the men of the NC Conference, and I say, "Thank you!" for many years of devoted service to us, and "God be with you!" as you embark on this new chapter of your life.

We now welcome Bishop Jimmy Whitfield from Goldsboro as the new leader of the NC Conference, believing wholeheartedly that God has anointed him for such a time as this. Brother Jimmy, please know that you have the support of the Men's Ministries behind you, and we look forward to what lies ahead of us.

We believe our unfailing, all-powerful God still has great and mighty things in store for the NC Conference. Bishop Whitfield is a tried and true man of God who seeks the will of the Father and will lead us accordingly.

Bishop Whitfield has devotedly and prayerfully led the Goldsboro First Church for many years, helping them be a vital, active, soul-reaching ministry in that community. I know they will miss him deeply and that their loss is the gain of the NC Conference.

We have faith that God is prepared, having a man ready to lead Goldsboro First forward, just as He has had Brother Chris and Brother Jimmy ready to step into a new calling to lead our international denomination and our conference forward for the kingdom of God. Our prayers are with you, Goldsboro First.

Brother Chris and Brother Jimmy, our prayers are with you, as you assume these new roles, for God to give you wisdom, strength, and anointing to be a blessing for the spreading of the Gospel and the increase of His kingdom.

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The Great Awakening

The history of prayer begins in the Bible in Genesis 4:26: "...Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord." After about 235 years of existence, man realized he was made to be a "praying creation." Prayer now became a regular part of man's spiritual diet. With the coming of Enos, man realized his weakness and desired acquaintance with God to become strong.

An article in *Charisma* describes the following: "*Newsweek* magazine recently boasted that Christianity in America is dead. This slap in the face to the American church served only to wake it up. Believers took the comment and held it up before the Lord as Hezekiah did with the boasts of the Assyrian general against the Lord (see 2 Kings 19:15-19)." In this article Rick Joyner goes on to quote, "When *real* persecution comes, we can expect an even greater awakening." You can read the entire article at morningstarministries.org (See Discerning the Times).

All indications tell us, then, that America needs a great awakening. This can come only when the Church has even a greater awakening. What an exercise in revival it would be if every Pentecostal Holiness Church took each evil report pronounced against it and held it up to the Lord in intercessory prayer! Recently a terrorist attack on an Australian military base was thwarted because the authorities had intercepted the terrorists' texting. Yet for years now an intercessors group has been praying for protection over the nation. Even though authorities had been monitoring the group of terrorists for seven months, the intercessors have been praying for years. You do the math. God does step in when His people cry out. America and all nations can expect God to respond when they wake out of the sleep of prayerlessness and call upon His mighty name to save us, protect us, and thus deliver us from our complacency. We are poised for a great awakening. Notice others in the Bible who experienced this:

1. Abraham in Genesis 15 prayed for a promise he had not seen for 25 years. He prayed through concerning this promise at 75 years of age. The great awakening came when the son of promise arrived.

2. Isaac in Genesis 23-28 rebuilt his father's wells, and the great awakening came for him when he shared the victory at a newly built altar.

3. Jacob in Genesis 32 wrestled with his past, his nature, and his name. His awakening came when he saw God "face to face."

4. Joseph's entire life was a prayer that went through one continuous awakening.

5. The children of Israel in Exodus 1 and 2 "cried" by reason of their captivity and bondage. Their deliverance and awakening came in the form of a leader like Moses, who told them God had seen their tears and heard their cries and would now deliver them.

6. In Joshua 10 the enemy was getting the upper hand. But then intercession was made. The great awakening came when God made the sun stand still so the people of God could win the day. If we will call upon God with urgency, He will give us enough "light" to win our battles!

7. Samson was a totally defeated judge. He was useless to do anything for God. But in Judges 16:28-31 he lifted up a prayer of sincere judgment for himself and his people. The great awakening came in the phrase "only this once." Perhaps we could have such renewal of strength if we made such petitions, as if to say, "God, if you never do it again, do it now." The great awakening was his great victory of vengeance and validation.

8. Elijah in 1 Kings 18 also was in a contest for the honor of God against an evil generation. (Sound familiar?) He prayed only 63 words in the KJV, but what a great awakening occurred in the moment, in the nation, and among the people who were heretofore indifferent or "halting"!

9. Nehemiah makes the whole process of a great awakening simple by two statements: "So I prayed" and "So we built." The great awakening was a completed wall of protection and territory in less than two months.

10. Jonah had a great awakening in the belly of the fish, and chapter 2 says, "Then Jonah prayed." The great awakening was a repentance of not doing the will of God and a determination to do the will of God. An entire city turned to God. Perhaps we could turn our cities with such a great awakening.

We could go on and on. The prayers of Jesus are mentioned about 15 times in Scripture. They can all be read in the span of about 10 minutes. But the great awakening of Him coming out of the tomb and empowering us is the reason we are still here promoting His message.

In 1921 General Ferdinand Foch said, "We must fight on our knees as well as in the trenches." Today's church, ours specifically, needs to follow suit. We are in an economic battle. We are in a demographic battle. We are in a spiritual battle of wickedness in high places. We must fight back with the weapons of our warfare that are spiritual. It is not too late for the Church and the nations to have a great awakening. It has happened before. It can happen again. The WIN Department is dedicated to the church and its people to experience this great awakening. Join us in our commitment to see God arise in these days. We can fight on our knees as well as in the trenches (politics, etc.) to see this great awakening become a reality in these last days.

—Alison Downing

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The One Who Is the Way

Most of you have probably heard that Chris and I will be moving to Oklahoma City. It seems like a "far country," but not if God goes with us. There is a phrase I came across that says, "You don't need to see the way if you follow the One who is the Way." That is such a true statement!

All through our lives, we have prayed for the Lord's will in everything we do. We have been assured so many times that "He knew us before we were even in our mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13b, 15). We know that God has a plan for each of our lives and there is a greater purpose for each of us to live. When you know you are God's instrument of change in the lives of people, you can be excited because you know He will fill in all of the inadequacies.

Many times as a child or young person, I felt that I could not do anything right, and I was so bashful! I did not want to do anything that would draw attention to me. I would sit back and not take part in anything. As I became a Christian, God started working on me. He would put me in situations where I would learn how to talk to people and not be embarrassed or so shy. He put me in a church where a lady minister influenced my life in such a way that I would never be the same. Mrs. Arnold would speak to the church and make the statement, "If someone asked me to do something in the church, I would always try to do it because I would learn from it." She also said, "If God gives you the opportunity, He will always give you what you need to perform it!"

God has proven Himself to me in many ways. He has taught me so much through the years, and I could never praise Him enough! Some of you have heard me testify that when it was evident that Chris would be superintendent, God began calming me with scriptures such as Esther 4:14b: "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" This scripture, among others, would reassure us that this was God's will and that He had plans for our lives. Even now this scripture is evident in our lives; we know God is in control of all of the details.

God used people to pray over me and prophesy that I would do things I never dreamed of doing! Even today I am amazed at some of the things I have done or been a part of because of His plan and His sufficiency. He is my source in every way. He doesn't create us, plant us, and leave us; He nourishes us and gives us what we need to serve Him. Many times when I step on new ground that I have never walked before, there is a twinge of fear, but He goes before me and calms me with His anointing and makes everything what it should be.

God's will is the best way to live because we are assured that He is looking out for our good. Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

There are things, people, and places I will miss, but I serve a God who I know loves me and cares about everything my heart desires. I know I will have lonely times and miss you all, but I know God will go with me. You have all been a very special blessing to me, and I will always think of you.

Chris has told me he will do all he can to help me come home at least once a month on our frequent flyer miles! I know that because of schedules, etc., this may not always work out, but I still have something to look forward to. I have tried to stay close to my grandbabies, daughter-in-law, and son who live near Falcon (35 minutes away) and have been able to see them at least once a week if possible.

Your new first lady, Mrs. Regenia, will be such a blessing to you! If you don't know her yet, you will find her to be a very sweet, loving, and caring person. She loves her God and is willing to do whatever the Lord would have her to do. Support and get to know Regenia, and I know the Lord will bless your relationship for His glory.

I love each one of you, and my prayers will always be with you in your service to our Lord. May God bless each of you and give you the joy and peace that you may need today. Even when you are going through the hard places, remember that God directs your path and will lead you and guide you. Psalm 30:5: In his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning; vv. 11, 12: Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to the, and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever." Live a life of praise, and you will always be happy in His will.

Remember, "You don't need to see the way if you follow the One who is the Way." May God bless and keep you and yours until we see you again!

With love and prayers always,
Betty T.

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Falcon Camp Meeting Heritage Room

During camp meeting this year, the Archives board helped me set up the Heritage Room with all kinds of displays. We had a good response from those who passed through during the camp meeting. According to the guest book we placed in the room, we had a lot of people view the displays.

If you were among those who looked at the displays, you saw some of the artifacts from the Falcon School fire of 1926 and the demolition of the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium torn down last fall. You would have also noticed the beautiful oak rocking chair that belonged to Julius Ainslie Culbreth and was given to the N.C. Conference Archives by the family of Mrs. Mollie Culbreth Evans.

If you were interested in church histories, you saw about 50 different histories of the churches of the N.C. Conference. We had hoped by showing these histories that you would be inspired to put together the history of your church or even to update your church's history. The histories have been put together in different formats and show that you can present your history in many ways. There is even a cookbook with the church history and pictures of the church people included within the pages, along with yummy recipes that we all look for at the homecomings.

There was also a display to show memorabilia from the different General Conferences and events on the general level of our church, including Sunday school conventions and Lifeliners conventions.

There were also pictures and things from previous camp meetings, along with a section as a tribute to "Peggy." If you have ever been to Falcon Camp Meeting in years past, you saw Peggy on the front row with her tape recorder and notepad ready to record the camp meeting services. Peggy would also go around and hug and or kiss on the cheek those she knew from year to year. She was also told by a couple of people I know of that she could hug them only one time a day!

Peggy was also an integral part of camp meeting because she would come to work. She would not only do the things she saw she could do, but if anyone needed help with something, she was always there to lend a hand. Peggy (Audrey Elizabeth Dixon) was sorely missed this year at camp meeting, but we know we will see her again. May God bless you even now, Peggy, for the life you lived among us!

The Heritage Room has to be dismantled and everything put back in its place after camp meeting, but we are looking forward to the time we can have an Archives Center with plenty of room for permanent displays. Help us pray toward this end! We have a lot of ideas for the Archives Center, but nothing can be done until we can pay off the new J. A. Culbreth Auditorium and then raise the money for a new dormitory/Archives Center. Earnestly pray for this move toward the future!

Did You Know?

Did you know this year is the 100th anniversary of Falcon Children's Home's establishment? Many children and workers have passed through the doors of this special place. Did you know that Falcon Children's Home has an Archives Room? While getting ready for the Alumni Homecoming Weekend, Brother Joey asked the Alumni Committee to go through all of the pictures and memorabilia and prepare an Archives Room. The Archives Room was prepared with the children who had lived at the Home in mind, so they could come back and look at pictures and other things that remind them of their time of growing up in the Home. The floor plan was laid out starting with each of the eras according to 10-year segments.

The old cafeteria was cleaned out, painted, refurbished completely, and furnished with newly built display cases. The room turned into one of the most impressive displays of materials I have seen. Well done, committee! I know there were long hours put in the preparation.

If you have not seen the new Kenneth Hancock Archives Room, please plan to come to Harvest Train, tour the Children's Home's Archives Room, and stay for the Harvest Train Program. You will be glad you did.

This will be my last Archives article in the *Evangel* as far as I know. The *Evangel* as of this writing will continue as a quarterly magazine from here on. The budget cuts for the conference require that we make adjustments where possible, and this will be one way of being better stewards of God's provision for His work.

There will be some special articles coming in the future for you to enjoy. Rev. Danny Rollins will be writing on his research for the history of the N.C. Conference that he is in the process of writing. You will be blessed by this man of God who truly loves the Pentecostal Holiness Church and its people. Brother Danny is on the Archives board for the conference and for the last year has been working on the history of the conference. You will enjoy all that he has to say.

I will be working in the Archives office until we get moved, and I'm sure when I make my way back to Falcon, I will think of something I need to do or research in the Archives. We are not sure who will take over my job right now, but I assure you that there is always work to do in the Archives. You never get caught up, and you never run out of anything to do.

Thank you to those who have made this job easier, and I thank God for the privilege of taking care of the records of those who have made this church and conference what they are today.

God bless until next time,
Betty T.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

Al Que Honra, Honra

Honra es un beneficio que los creyentes deben darse mutuamente. Honra es mostrar respeto por una persona que estimamos y valoramos. Es una consideración del valor de otra persona. Al hombre se le debe honor por haberlo recibido de Dios como un don (Salmo 8:3-8); como un prestigio y dignidad proveniente de ser imagen de Dios (Génesis 1:26-27).

Se espera de los cristianos que se den muestras de honor en el trato de unos con otros. En Romanos 12:10 la Biblia dice "Amaos los unos a los otros con amor fraternal; en cuanto a honra, prefiriéndoos los unos a los otros."

Al honrar a otros, se combate la tentación de buscar en forma egoísta el propio honor a expensas de otras personas (Juan 5:44; Juan 12:43; Gálatas 5:26; Filipenses 2:2-4). Cuando somos atentos en honrar a nuestros hermanos en Cristo, mostramos una preocupación y sinceridad en el trato para con ellos. Llegamos a saber que Dios los ama y los respeta, y de la misma manera debo hacer con ellos.

Romanos 13:7 dice: "Pagad a todos lo que debéis: al que tributo, tributo; al que impuesto, impuesto; al que respeto, respeto; al que honra, honra." Si usted o yo debemos el honor a alguien, debemos pagarlo; también podemos meditar en nuestras actitudes y formas de tratar a los demás, con el fin de pedir al Espíritu Santo que nos ayude a cambiar y mostrar por medio de nuestras palabras y acciones la bondad de Cristo.

1 Corintios 12:26 dice: De manera que si un miembro padece, todos los miembros se duelen con él, y si un miembro recibe honra, todos los miembros con él se gozan." Es práctico y preciso, nos dolemos y nos gozamos, según sea la situación de un miembro del cuerpo de Cristo, pero no podemos quedarnos sin hacer nada. Al sentir dolor nos identificamos, al sentir gozo nos identificamos. Esto no es otra cosa que participar cuidosamente, dando honor y mostrando el valor y la importancia que cada miembro del cuerpo de Cristo tiene para mí.

Hay cuatro necesidades básicas de la gente:

- Protección
- Reconocimiento
- Aceptación
- Amor

Con ese conocimiento, debemos entender y actuar como corresponde, a las personas se les debe reconocer. 1 Pedro 2:17 dice: "Honrad a todos. Amad a los hermanos. Temed a Dios. Honrad al rey." Así es, tratar a los demás con amor y respeto. No podemos respetar a una persona que no amamos. La honra viene del amor. El amor de Dios derramado en nuestros corazones, nos impulsa a honrar y respetar a nuestros semejantes. Obedezcamos al Espíritu Santo en Su obra y dirección en nuestras vidas.

Creo que debemos buscar, entender y practicar lo que significa honrar a nuestros hermanos en Cristo. Debemos también descubrir los que no estamos haciendo bien y corregirlo y reforzar lo que si estamos haciendo bien. A quién le falta honra de nuestra parte? debemos estar dispuestos para darle esa honra que le debemos y no dejar de hacerlo de hoy en adelante con los demás.

Hablando de honra, por qué no honramos a varias personas, las cuales son muy especiales, quienes en este pasado tiempo han hecho logros significativos en su vida y ministerio. Permítame mencionar a algunos de ellos y las razones por las que les honramos en este artículo de Evangel.

Ellos son personas que fueron aprobadas para recibir credenciales ministeriales con la Conferencia, en lo que va de este año 2009. Esta es una distinción muy especial, primeramente por el llamado santo al ministerio de parte de Dios sobre cada uno de estos hermanos. En segundo lugar, porque ellos han sido puestos por el Espíritu Santo con dones en lugares especiales en el cuerpo de Cristo para edificar y bendecir a la iglesia del Señor. En tercer lugar porque ellos son instrumentos en las manos de Dios para traer cambios a nuestra sociedad y a la comunidad en general. Los siguientes son los niveles de credenciales ministeriales en los cuales estos preciosos hermanos han sido recibidos:

Ministro Ordenado
Pablo Popoca
María Ester Bonilla
Carola Pagan
Lilliana Avila

Ministro Licenciado
Mario Leon
Gilbert Pagan
Yeni Fuentes
Hector Patiño

Ministro de la Iglesia Local
Joseph Glen Buck
María Popoca
Elvin Pérez
Eliasib Juárez,
Silvia Figueroa de Juárez
Tirso Morales
Gloria Gonzales
Emmanuel Reyes

Honor To Whom Honor

Honor is a benefit that believers should give mutually. To honor is to show respect to a person we esteem and value. It is a consideration of the value of another person. To man honor is owed because he has received it from God as a gift (Psalm 8:3-8), as a prestige and dignity originating from being the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

It is expected from Christians to give and show honor to each other. In Romans 12:10 the Bible says, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

When we are honoring others, we fight the temptation to seek our own selfish way without caring about other people (John 5:44; John 12:43; Galatians 5:26; Philippians 2:2-4). When we are attentive in honoring our brothers and sisters in Christ, we show a concern and sincerity in the way we treat them. We come to know that God loves and respects them; therefore, in the same way, I should love and respect them.

Romans 13:7 says, "Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." If you or I owe honor to someone, we should pay it; also, we can meditate on our attitudes and ways of treating others, in order to ask the Holy Spirit to help us change and to show through our words and actions the kindness of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:26 says, "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it." It is practical, and to be exact, we feel the suffering or we rejoice in the situation of another member of the body of Christ, but we cannot remain without doing anything. Upon feeling pain, we identify with them; upon feeling joy, we identify with them. This is not another thing but to participate with caring, giving honor and showing the value and importance that each member of the body of Christ has for me.

There are four basic needs of the people:
- Protection
- Recognition
- Acceptance
- Love

With this knowledge, we should understand and act correspondingly; we should recognize people. 1 Peter 2:17 says, "Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." Thus, treat others with love and respect. We cannot respect a person we don't love. The honor comes from the love. The love of God pours out in our hearts, prompting us to honor and to respect others. We obey the Holy Spirit in His work and guidance in our lives.

I believe we should seek to understand and to practice what it means to honor our brothers and sisters in Christ. We ought to discover what we are not doing well and correct it and reinforce what we are doing well to others. Who is lacking honor from us? We should be willing to give him the honor we owe and keep doing so with others from now on.

Speaking of honor, why don't we honor several people who are very special, who in the past have made significant achievements in their life and ministry? Let me honor some of them and mention the reasons we are honoring them in this article of *Evangel*.

These are people who were approved to receive ministerial credentials with the conference so far in 2009. This is a very special distinction, primarily because of the holy call to the ministry that each one of these people received from God. Another reason is that they have been positioned by the Holy Spirit with gifts in special places in the body of Christ, to edify and to bless the church of the Master. One other thing is that they are instruments in God's hands to bring changes to our society and community in general. The following are the levels of ministerial credentials which these precious brethren have received:

Ordained Ministers
Pablo Popoca
María Ester Bonilla
Carola Pagan
Lilliana Avila

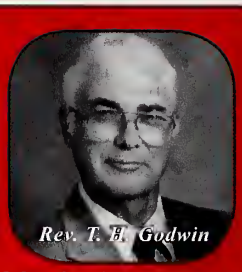
Licensed Ministers
Mario Leon
Gilbert Pagan
Yeni Fuentes
Hector Patiño

Local Church Ministers
Joseph Glen Buck
María Popoca
Elvin Pérez
Eliasib Juárez,
Silvia Figueroa de Juárez
Tirso Morales
Gloria Gonzales
Emmanuel Reyes

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director



Rev. T. B. Godwin

Celebrating 86 years, Aug. '09

Where Are They Now...?

James and Doris Herring

Isn't it wonderful how music and the love for it can bring people together?

This is exactly what happened to Doris and James Herring. Although James was raised at the Brock's Chapel PH Church, where he played his banjo and other instruments, he was invited to join a group playing at the Free-Will Holiness Church in Warsaw, NC. It was here in February of 1956 that he met his future wife, Miss Doris Whaley. Doris, James, and others contributed much to the music program of the church. However, something else was "going on" besides the music. These two youthful musicians fell in love with each other, and in November of that same year they were married. James will tell you that made their music even better! Soon they joined the church and began working tirelessly with its youth, a ministry they enjoyed for six years.

During this time God blessed their home with a baby girl, Patricia Ann (1959), and later *(much later!)* a son, James Christopher (1971).

The call to preach lay dormant in James' heart for many years. He knew what he should do and what God was calling him to do. So in early 1971, he yielded his life completely for service in the Lord's work. He joined the Free-Will Holiness Conference, where he pastored for five years and evangelized for six years before joining the Jones Grove PH Church in Mount Olive, NC. In 1979 he was granted his minister's license in the NC Conference, and he was ordained in 1985.

James and Doris have pastored churches at Calypso, Jones Grove, Wades Point and Belfast in Goldsboro. His longest pastorate was at Belfast, where he ministered for 14 years before retiring in 2004. Shortly after moving back to their home in Mount Olive, they were asked to pastor the Calvary Baptist Church near Kenly, NC. With conference board approval, they accepted and are now in their seventh year of ministry at this church. James is also a part-time barber in Dudley, NC.

They are the proud grandparents of two boys, Aaron and Adam Harrell, children of their daughter Patricia, who lives near by.

The love of preaching God's Word, playing their instruments, and singing together is a natural part of their ministry. They have been married for 52 years and give glory to God for His blessings on their ministry through the years.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER AND FRIEND

As most of us are now well aware, Rev. D. Chris Thompson was honored and elected as a general executive of the IPHC at the 26th General Conference held in Greensboro, NC. He will lead the Evangelism Department (EVUSA) of our denomination for the next four years. He comes to this department as well prepared for this responsibility as anyone in our church, and we believe the evangelism efforts of the church are in good hands.

Immediately following his election, I made my way through a maze of people to congratulate him. I said, "Chris, you are exactly where God wants you." He responded graciously and added, "You know you started all this."

I need to share some background information so you will know what he meant. In 1986 I came to Falcon to conduct our conference CE convention, which was followed by the annual conference. Much to my surprise, I was elected as conference Evangelism director on the first ballot. I did not feel comfortable with my election, but I felt it was right that it happened. (In my heart I knew I would never serve in the position.) On our way back home to Oklahoma, we cried and prayed that God would give us peace and that His will would be done in our lives. About 100 miles from home, very tired and weary, I decided to spend the night in a motel, not so much to sleep and rest, but to pray and find God's will. Before sleeping that night, I contacted every general official at headquarters for their counsel. Finally, I made up my mind: I would stay and finish my term as general CE director. (God knew my next assignment would be at Falcon Children's Home; I didn't!) I called the conference superintendent, Rev. James D. Leggett, immediately and informed him of my decision. He in turn notified the person with the next highest number of votes – ***D. Chris Thompson***. At the 1990 annual conference, Chris was reelected and assigned the portfolio of Missions and Evangelism, positions he held for 11 years and 15 years, respectively. He was elected assistant superintendent in 1994.

When I decided to retire as superintendent of Falcon Children's Home in 2001, Rev. T. Elwood Long was elected to succeed me. His resignation as superintendent of the NC Conference meant the assistant superintendent would move up and assume that position. Again, that person was ***D. Chris Thompson***.

Now you know why Bishop Thompson said, "You started all this." He has been elected and reelected as our bishop and has led our conference for the past nine fruitful years.

Early on in his first full term, he established what is referred to as the ***Retired Ministers Retreat.*** It has become the highlight of the year for retired ministers. His concern for them has resulted in ***two retirement fund increases***. I have seen his ***passion for the families of deceased retired ministers*** as he ministered at their funerals, always with excellence.

God has a way of placing in leadership those whom He desires. Without question, the Lord was in all of this. Brother Thompson has served our conference during a period of growth unsurpassed by any before him. We are going to miss him and Betty, but we bow to the will of God and bid them Godspeed as they continue in His ministry. - wtc

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

With the fall district conferences in September, we enter into a new theme for the next 12 months. For the past year the theme has been "**HE IS**." The verse of scripture we've used or attached ourselves to in Evangelism/ World Missions ministries is Ephesians 3:20: *"**Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all** that* we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us..." I am truly amazed and blessed as I see God's faithfulness to the IPHC and to the North Carolina Conference. We have truly been blessed beyond measure in both Evangelism and World Missions. In the year 2008 God blessed us with 16 new churches, and in the first 8 months of 2009 we've been blessed with 8 more new churches. However, as we've heard and repeated many times heretofore, the best days are ahead. Our greatest potential/possibilities lie ahead of us as we lay hold of the promises of God. With that in mind, let's look at Philippians 3:13, 14: *"**Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended [yet to have laid hold]; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**"* Our bishop used the verse Hebrews 6:9 and the phrase *"**we are persuaded better things of you.**"* Although I know we could spend a lot of time testifying of the mighty power of our God in blessing abundantly our missions effort and great strides in evangelism, I know there is much more to be accomplished in the next year. Our relationship and fellowship with our Lord should be individually and corporately our greatest priority. Something "better" must be pursued – greater not only in our personal relationship, but also in seeking to build the kingdom of our Lord. As Paul is saying to us in Philippians 3:13, 14, I can't rest on the accomplishments of 2008-09; I must praise Him for all He has brought to pass in the NC Conference; however, there is so much more to be done; there are so many more opportunities, and we must take advantage of them. The prize is to win Him (Christ), to present to Him a life lived in holiness and in the fullness of the Holy Spirit for His glory. It is to be able to present to Him our best, to lay sheaves at His feet. So Paul's posture is to press, to do his best to accomplish as much as possible for the glory of his Lord. We must press, strive, expect "better," and do "better" to reach and win as many souls for Christ as possible, not only in America but also around the world.

One of Evangelism's major events still to happen in 2009 is **City Quest** (Oct. 8-10). This is basically an intense church-planting school to be held on the Falcon campus for church planters and mother church pastors who want to plant or nurture a new church out of their congregation. This is a great event, and I urge you to view the literature you've received and respond by registering and being a part of "**better things**." There are many more church plants still to happen in the North Carolina Conference. Every existing church needs revival, and many of our churches are in need of revitalization.

The past 12 months have been a tremendous blessing in World Missions Ministry. I can truthfully say that the pastors and congregations of the NC Conference are, without a doubt, the greatest in the entire IPHC movement. You are truly kingdom-minded and eager to "**Invest in Eternity**." In 2008 you gave $1,786,000, and in the first 7 months of 2009 you've given $699,000. We've just completed our annual Global Outreach celebration on August 16, and our present

total of pledges and offerings is $297,000. I am believing that by December we will have surpassed the goal of $310,000.

The goals for World Missions in 2010 are simple: every church with a viable and active Missions ministry, every IPHC family supporting at least one missionary, every IPHC family adopting a People to People child, every working church member and attendee giving a day's wage, our children and youth being involved, and every church giving serious thought to sponsoring a missions convention.

It is true that the past 12 months have proven to be a blessing in the kingdom; however, we must put those accomplishments in perspective and press into 2010 with high expectations because everything we do for the Kingdom is simply "investing in eternity."

To conclude this article, I simply want to highlight one of the 247 churches in the conference that has excelled in World Missions Ministry: it is the New Beginnings Church in Plymouth, NC, pastored by Rev. Donald Conway. When Rev. Conway went to Plymouth three years ago, the church was struggling; however, Bro. Conway had a vision and led the church to a new level of ministry in the Kingdom. Part of his burden was to reestablish World Missions. Though the church has excelled in several areas of World Missions, People to People has been a highlight. The church averages 70 in Sunday attendance; however, under Bro. Conway's leadership and promotion, the church has adopted 60 children; that's right, 60. To God be the glory, and thank you to Pastor Conway and the congregation at New Beginning.

ATTENTION ALL PASTORS, MINISTERS & CHURCH PLANTERS!!!

CITY QUEST

October 8-10, 2009 – Falcon, NC

Within our congregations there are "church planters" who need to be identified, trained, sponsored and sent out to plant churches. There are pastors in North Carolina who have a vision to plant/mother a church out of their existing congregations. There are also numerous independent, full-gospel congregations that are seeking the fellowship, resources and outreach of the IPHC.

This will be a historic and momentous event! We have several exciting speakers coming in to present during our 2½-day training. These individuals are well-qualified in the areas of Church Planting, Evangelism and Church Growth:

Rev. Chris Thompson
Director
Evangelism USA-IPHC

Dr. Luis Avila
Hispanic Ministries
Coordinator
NC Conference

Rev. Macon Wilson
Director-African American
Ministries
IPHC

Rev. Rick Fountain
Assistant Director
Evangelism USA-IPHC

Rev. Garry Bryant
National Field Director
ACTS2DAY Ministries

Rev. David Avila
Director-Hispanic
Ministries
IPHC

The training will include:

- *New Testament Church Planting*
- *Church Planting Methods*
- *10 Characteristics of a Church Planter*
- *10 Keys to Planting a Church*
- *Church Multiplication*
- *Budget/Timeline*
- *Building Your Team*
- *Personnel Selection*
- *Grand Opening Service*
- *Visitation and Follow-Up*
- *Church Planters' Manual*

Don't miss this unique and awesome opportunity to receive exclusive, cutting-edge training and resources for the planting and mothering of churches across our Conference! We anticipate the response and participation from our Conference, and other Conferences that are invited, to be positive and overwhelming!

For more information, to request a brochure, or to register for City Quest, please call Nicole at 910-980-1162 OR e-mail us your request at sunshine527@nc.rr.com. We look forward to seeing ***YOU*** at City Quest 2009!

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

"Where Do I Begin?"

by Rev. Patsy Vaughan, Senior Pastor, Vanceboro PHC and Conference BQ Coordinator

Love Story was a book about a rich boy who meets a poor girl and falls in love. The movie starred Ali MacGraw and Ryan O'Neal, and it took America by storm.

Francis Lai won an Oscar that year for Best Original Score. Some of you will recall the words to the theme song: *"Where do I begin to tell the story of how great a love can be? The sweet love story that is older than the sea?"* (lyrics by Carl Sigma)

The implication is that beginning seems to be an impossible task. Unfortunately, I think that some people may feel this way in regards to Bible Quest. I am concerned that Bible Quest is viewed as a maze that is missing the big red dot directing us where to start and end. Often I hear, *"I just don't know where to start,"* or I am asked the question, *"Where do I begin?"*

"Ask the question" *is* where you begin. Whatever you do, do not let the question be the obstacle that keeps you from starting!

Here are some pointers:

- Start with the parents. Get the parents behind Bible Quest, and it will really take off.
  –Jim Gray, Glad Tidings PHC

- Start with the Primaries. At the beginning of Sunday school each week, introduce five questions. Then, review at the end of class. During a quarter, you will cover 65 questions.
  –Winnie White, Grimesland PHC

- Bible Quest is for ages 6-19, and you only have to have one quizzer to enter Bible Quest.

- Start by calling LifeSprings Resources or visiting their website at www.lifespringsresources.com to view/order study material.

- Contact the NC CEM Bible Quest coordinator: PatsyVaughan@252-244-1347 or pastorpatsy@embarqmail.com.

- Attend the first Bible Quest practice in January. Seeing Bible Quest in action will be of great benefit to you. It will also put you into contact with other coaches who will gladly share their expertise.

2009 National Bible Quest Competition – Several quizzers from the North Carolina Conference placed in National Competition:

- Benson PHC – Winners, *Round Robin Competition*
- Leigh Ann Ivey – 2nd place, *Omega Power Play*
- Deanna Whitman – 2nd place, *Alpha Power Play*
- Dena Crouch – 3rd place, *Alpha Power Play*

Important Bible Quest Dates for 2010

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TRIBUTE TO BISHOP CHRIS THOMPSON AND WIFE BETTY

The North Carolina Conference has been blessed by the leadership of Superintendent Chris Thompson for nine years. He has been a man of vision, innovation, and passion. The churches of the North Carolina Conference have been blessed by his leadership. Bishop Thompson will be used of God to do great exploits across this nation as he leads Evangelism USA for the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. We love and highly esteem both Brother Chris and Sister Betty.

Chris and Betty Thompson

Mrs. Betty has brought the same kind of leadership to the Archives and Ministers' Wives Department of the North Carolina Conference. Thank you, Sister Betty, for the energy and innovation that have made such a difference in the lives of so many of us.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ON TRACK

The North Carolina Conference is moving forward and onward. We are part of a conference that has momentum. In fact, we are experiencing the movement of God in many of our churches. I believe we are on the way to 50,000 members and 300 churches worshiping, ministering, and doing outreach on a regular basis.

We will accomplish this measure by (1) birthing new churches and growing them for God; (2) putting special emphasis on and making effort toward revitalizing churches that need and desire to experience breakthrough in their communities (nothing is more exciting than watching a church make a comeback); and (3) reaching out to churches that have no healthy covering and desire to become part of a fellowship of kindred faith.

OUR MODEL WILL BE ACTS 16:5

Luke records that the early church was in the process of becoming established in the faith while it was increasing in number daily. Note three powerful things happening in the church of that day through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The church was getting strong in faith and in the faith. That church was combating pagan ideas and serious opposition, but in a world full of doubt and darkness, faith was growing stronger, and believers were becoming more established.

The churches were growing larger in size. New people were being converted, causing the congregation to become larger and stronger.

The number of churches increased as church plants were taking place in new territories.

I envision these same three things happening in the North Carolina Conference going forward. I believe God wants us to become more sensitive to His Holy Spirit as He brings people we do not know across our path. He will also be leading us to people who do not know us but who need the words and message we have to share with them. One by one, like Philip in Acts 8, we will be led to people whom the Holy Spirit has already prepared to be receptive to our story of God's saving, life-changing grace. Are we ready? Are we willing to get ready to be used of our loving Lord? He wants to use us to help make a difference in the lives of those we love a lot and also those we do not know today at all. Be blessed; be inspired to be used of God in new and effective ways. I urge everyone reading these words to join with many of us in reading the book of Acts together across the conference as part of our spiritual preparation for what God is going to do in our time, in this, our day.

Jim Whitfield

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Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
Rev. Mrs. Patsy Payne	December 18
Rev. Richard Parson	December 24
Rev. Mrs. Edith Page	December 26

Associate Pastor Wanted

The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro, NC, is currently seeking a full-time associate pastor with leadership skills. Applicants should have experience with outreach, follow-up, teaching, preaching, ministry oversight, and management. Inquiries may be made to Lead Pastor Bill Rose, or résumés may be mailed to The First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1100 The First Church Road, Goldsboro, NC 27534. You may reach the church at 919-734-2674 or e-mail brose@thefirstphchurch.org

A High Day (and Night) at the Reelsboro PH Church

Bishop Chris Thompson and wife, Betty, were special guests for both worship services on Sunday, July 12, at the Reelsboro Church. The Bishop conducted a note-burning ceremony commemorating the loan payout for the new church sanctuary building. Pastor Steve Willis read a plaque inscription of Praise to the Lord for His amazing help to pay the loan in one half its term length with no abatement of any ministry activities. Sincere thanks were expressed to the members and friends of the church, conference officials and ministers, and commercial contributors.

The night service was the occasion of the first showing of the original musical drama *Oh, What a Shepherd!* This musical of "the Good Shepherd and the sheep He saves" was scheduled on the same day as the note burning to manifest why we build buildings to help preach, teach, and reach the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The musical was very well received and resulted in Pastor Willis being encouraged to offer the musical soundtracks to our fellow churches of any size for a unique in-house production. He can be contacted at 252-634-2314 and would welcome your calls. As we stand in awe of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, with joyous gratitude we can only say, "Oh, What a Shepherd!"

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Leading on Empty: Refilling Your Tank and Renewing Your Passion

by Wayne Cordeiro. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Bethany House. 215 pages.

"The ministry is a matter which wears the brain and strains the heart, and drains out the life of a man if he attends to it as he should," wrote the late, great Charles H. Spurgeon. The numerous and various demands of Christian ministry require more than desire and determination to fulfill the call of God upon one's life. God calls us to work, empowers us to work, and protects the flame and passion for ministry for those who constantly look to Him for help and anointing. Although burnout remains a common problem for many pastors and church workers, it does not have to be inevitable for the person who leads smarter, not harder. This book was written to help those who lead and serve in the kingdom of God.

All veterans of the ministry have attempted to live off zeal and good intentions, yet led on empty and experienced the overwhelming responsibilities of serving. Who among us has not at one time or another suffered from feelings of indifference and lethargy and after being completely depleted of energy longed to escape the constant pressure that goes with the work? The Bible is replete with examples of men who found the load of the work almost too much to bear. The prophet Jeremiah, for example, said, "I am weary with my groaning and have found no rest" (Jeremiah 45:3).

Wayne Cordeiro is no Johnny-come-lately in terms of Christian ministry. He is the founder and senior pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship in Honolulu, Hawaii, and is an author, a songwriter, and a highly sought-after conference speaker around the world. He is a church planter at heart and has helped to plant over 100 churches in the Pacific Rim.

Cordeiro experienced burnout and ran on empty on the road to success that almost became the road to a nervous breakdown. This book presents the lessons and strategies he used to overcome the many problems that come with running on empty. Pastors know the stress and strain of ministry. They also know that constant serving places pressure on the home and the marriage relationship. Preachers' kids often become disillusioned and/or bitter because God has Dad more than they do. One pastor said that his greatest fear was for his kids to grow up hating God because of him. The road to success contains victims who tried to please people and serve others "tirelessly." Too many ministers have sacrificed marital harmony and family on the altar of success. If you win the world and lose your family, is it worth it?

The book consists of eleven chapters and includes many helpful quotes from proven leaders of the past and present. His basic premise is that the only way to finish strong is to replenish your system first because if you don't, prepare for a crash. The pressures of ministry and serving do not disappear into a fine mist and go away. It's what a person does with that pressure that makes the difference. The author explained that he got alone with the Hebrew prophet Jeremiah and allowed the Lord to rejuvenate his spirit, mind, and heart.

A valuable lesson emphasized many times by my mentor, the late R. Marshall Stewart, emerges. When a minister begins to neglect his or her daily devotions, he or she will begin to drift away from the Lord. No building will stand without a deep foundation. Cordeiro spent a considerable amount of time discussing this very issue. He wrote, "Your future will oftentimes be held in trust within the simplicity of a daily walk with God." When we walk with the Lord, allowing His Word to widen and deepen our inner man, then we will have strength for the journey and passion for the ministry. In the words of A. W. Tozer, "Only encouragement with God can maintain perpetual spiritual enthusiasm, because only God can supply everlasting novelty."

The author discusses the early warning signs of burnout that include depression and irritability, which indicate that a person in ministry and leadership "yearns for rest, renewal, and a season to heal." He suggests that solitary refinement is necessary for this rest and renewal to occur. Finding days or weeks or months, or even a year, of few distractions and entering into prayer and reconnecting with God are offered as a solution to burnout. Getting alone with God recharges one's spiritual batteries and refreshes the spirit. When the Lord leads you beside the still waters, He restores your soul.

A life of intentionality is the restructured life Cordeiro chose, and it worked for him. He wrote, "If you choose to win, you have achieved half the victory. If you do not choose, you have gained half your defeat." Sound advice for leaders is to choose to live life on purpose, to love intentionally, and to plan accordingly. Happy Reading!

North Carolina Women's Ministries

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"But encourage each other daily, as long as it is called today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."
(Hebrews 3:13)

As I write this article, we are in the midst of the Fall District Conferences, and I would like to say "thank you" for all you have done to help us meet our goal for Feast of Ingathering. This has been a great round of district conferences. (We will let you know the totals at a later date).

Please pray for the new General WM Executive Board that was elected at the General WM Convention in July:

- Tamé Lambert – General WM Executive Director
- Brenda Grasty – Assistant Director
- Patsy Deese – Secretary
- Michelle Drake – Board Member
- Tammy Fountain – Board Member

Also, the *Evangel* is changing. Publication will be once a quarter rather than once a month. Therefore, we will be submitting lots of information for a range of dates, so please share this page with your ladies.

Please remember to join us for Harvest Train on Tuesday, November 24. The Children's Home will be celebrating 100 years. Come and be a part of all the activities that are being planned.

Also, mark your calendar for our annual NCWM Leadership Seminar, which will be held January 30, 2010, at the Shiloh P. H. Church in Wilson. Our theme is "Compelled by Love" (more information will follow).

In His Amazing Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

POTPOURRI...

- To free up oven space and avoid burning dinner rolls in an overheated oven, warm the rolls in a slow cooker or crockpot. Wrap them in foil and place in the cooker on low heat for 10 minutes.
- Keep sweet potatoes from drying out by oiling the skins with cooking oil before baking. It will seal the moisture.
- If your cookie dough is sticky, chill it for 20 minutes in the refrigerator. If the dough is cold, it won't stick to the rolling pin.
- End a yucky task. Hate licking envelopes? Seal them shut using a damp sponge instead.

Can you even imagine what Goldsboro District Director Sandra Britt is doing to Wilmington District Director Jackie Thompson? She's trying to measure her smile!

Have you smiled at someone today?

Please know that as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. What a great time to share Christ with family and friends! May the Lord continue to bless you. We Love You!

The NCWM Board
"Mrs. Patsy," Janice, Margie, Darnell & Terry Ann

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Check Out Our Changes!

Change can be good when God is in it. For the past several months, we have been making changes in the Men's Ministries.

First of all, we have added a couple of godly men to our staff. Dave Nesbitt has come on board as secretary/treasurer, and Dennis Daniels has become the Wilson District director.

Our staff has been working very hard to make sure we are moving in the direction that God would have us to go. We now have our own website where you can find out what is going on with Men's Ministries, www.mmnciphc.com. Please check it out!

If you have something going on in your chapter, please notify us so that we can post it for you. Contact Dave Nesbitt at dnesbitt@mmnciphc.com. We would like to help you make other men aware of your event.

In the past three months, we have gone to eight Men's Ministries meetings and spoken to the men. We have shared with them what is going on in the conference and assured every man and every leader that we are here for them for whatever need they may have.

Through these meetings, we have seen men come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We want every man in this conference to believe and agree with us that together, we can make a difference. This concept is at the heart of our mission statement:

Together, we will help our local churches present every man in our communities with a credible offer of the gospel, encourage them to pursue God, and equip them for spiritual service in the home, church, workplace, community, and world.

Our motto is: *One man can make a difference.*

As long as we work together, Jesus can work through us. Babe Ruth made this statement: "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

I think that we can make a difference in this world as long as we follow Jesus. We never know when we will make a difference in someone's life. Let us go into all the world and spread the gospel.

God bless,
Ronnie Basden

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

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Setting the Captive Free

Rev. Jerry R. Nelson

The *i*WIN Conference for 2008 began with a group of intercessors gathering for a Friday night prayer meeting. Two words that describe that meeting are *prophetic* and *powerful*. The theme for the conference, "Access to God," was confirmed as the Holy Spirit began to manifest His presence in response to the worship and prayers of His people. The Spirit of God declared a time of new beginnings and declared we were to position ourselves at the gate of access, and with His authority we were to storm the gates of the enemy. Throughout the entire conference, the Spirit of God moved mightily, affirming and quickening His word.

During the final day of the conference, Charles Selvidge came forward for prayer. He wanted his pastor and others to pray and release a corporate anointing upon him. He said he knew it was time for him to storm the gates of the enemy. Charles said that for some time he had felt that his son, Jimmie Godbey, and his daughter-in-law, Tammy, were involved in drugs. Charles felt led to stop and visit this couple. He felt led to pray over their house, to anoint it with oil, and to break the power of the spirit that was oppressing them. Jimmie knew that they needed help, and he allowed Charles to pray. Charles said, "I left that day knowing that I had obeyed the Holy Spirit and had planted seeds into their lives." All of this happened on Saturday, November 1, 2008.

One week later, Charles and his wife, JoAnn, received a call from Jimmie, and he was crying out for deliverance. They drove to the couple's home, and as they were praying for Jimmie to be saved and delivered, his wife, Tammy, also began to cry out for help. Charles said, "At that point we led them to the Lord, and they accepted Jesus Christ as their personal savior." They continued to pray until the couple was completely delivered. They were both saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost that day.

In speaking of his life before being saved, Jimmie said, "We were both in a state of depression, going from party to party, hanging out in the bars and strip clubs. One night I decided I would do some cocaine. It was downhill from there. If we were awake, we were either high on cocaine or looking for a way to buy it. After Charles prayed over my house, one night I had a really bad experience, and it was as though I was looking into the pit of hell. Around 2:00 a.m. I wrote on a piece of paper BE FREE. Later that day, I called Charles for help. It was November 7, 2008, and this was the first time I had felt peace in a long time."

Jimmie and Tammy had a powerful deliverance. They had no withdrawal symptoms from the drugs, and today they are drug free. They are both members of Westmoreland Pentecostal Holiness Church in Wilson, NC, and along with their family, they are actively involved in ministry. Jimmie has recently completed his Royal Rangers Commander training, and I had the privilege of pinning his commander bars on him. He is an usher, and he is actively involved in Royal Rangers. Tammy sings in the choir and works with the kids in children's church. Their two sons, Harley and Nicholas, said, "We have seen such a change in them that we want to go to church."

Please join us for the

iWIN Conference 2009

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REMEMBERING.....

*"I **remember** the day...*
I can take you to the place...

When the Lord saved me....
By His marvelous grace!"

Isn't it wonderful to reflect back when... you were a child, a teen, a young adult.... when you married your sweetheart... (so many things, events, and people come to mind). Remember when you began your walk with Jesus Christ? It is a joy to recall many good experiences, yet interwoven with the good are times that were not so pleasant. Then we remember the psalmist David when he said, "...Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee... and... because you, Lord, have been my help, I will rejoice!" We have much to rejoice over when we recall, reflect, and remember God's goodness.

When you began in ministry, do you remember your first superintendent's wife in the North Carolina Conference? I would like to reflect back on those dear ladies that I have been privileged to "look up to" as mentors since the beginning of our ministry. I remember the late Superintendent Doner Lee's wife, Mrs. Louine, as she so graciously stood by her husband while he served this conference for over 20 years. Next were Superintendent James Leggett and Mrs. Faye. She has been a mentor of mine since Bible college days and continues to be as they begin their new role at Holmes Bible College. Following Brother and Sister Leggett were Superintendent T. E. Long and his late wife, Sylvia, who had a contagious laugh and such a caring spirit for the ministers' wives. Then, up until a few weeks ago, I had the privilege of working alongside Bishop Chris Thompson's wife, our own Mrs. Betty, who showed much love and support to the North Carolina lady ministers and the ministers' wives. My, how we all looked up to these ladies as they served our Lord through the opportunities this conference extends to women. As we (ministers' wives and laywomen) have looked up to these ladies with such great admiration and appreciation, I've wondered, *Whom did they look up to in their role of ministry?*

Now that it has become my privilege to serve this conference alongside my husband, Jim Whitfield, I've come to realize whom they all looked up to. It is first, God, and then it is **you**, each of you ministers' wives, that I look up to. What a privilege it is to be able to work in God's kingdom with so many good women. May God grant favor and His smile of approval as we labor together for the sake of souls in His kingdom!

I want to express thanks to God for each one of you who gives of herself, her heart, her energy, and, most of all, her love to the ministry of investing in the lives of families in her congregation and in community in such a way that it will affect their destiny.... their eternal destiny.

Remember, reflect, and recall friendships.... positive experiences and many laughs. Some opportunities come our way only once in a lifetime. Recall them and smile again! I look forward to working with you.

Be Blessed!

Your friend,
Regenia

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

GIVING HONOR WHERE HONOR IS DUE...

Mrs. Betty Thompson is a humble, unassuming woman with a quiet manner and a gentle heart, someone who never seeks the spotlight. Yet, for the past eight years, she has been one of the unsung heroes of the North Carolina Conference, filling the role of Archives director and conference historian. Mrs. Betty's efforts to preserve the history and heritage of the conference have been tireless and too often thankless, as she has worked mostly behind the scenes to develop the conference Archives room and collect as much information about the history of the conference, its churches, ministers, and ministries as possible. In doing so, she has gathered hundreds of stories, church histories, photographs, interviews, and hymn books. With tears welling up in her eyes, she even collected old artifacts from the former J. A. Culbreth Auditorium as it was in the process of being demolished. The bits and pieces of bricks, rusted nails, and rusted metal from the old structure that many people might have called junk Mrs. Betty saw as part of the story of the Pentecostal Holiness people, these artifacts serving as witnesses to the great camp meetings held in the old tabernacle for so many years, signs that God was present in a mighty way in that great old sanctuary of Pentecostal power and worship that was passing into memory.

Mrs. Betty has also served as a great educator for the conference. Every year, she brought some of the most renowned historians in Pentecostal and Holiness circles to Falcon to share stories and insights into the church's heritage, men such as Vinson Synan, James Goff, Dan Woods, and Harold Hunter. She also supplied dozens of people in and out of the conference with information to help them write books, articles, and church histories. Her annual archives training events stressed the significance of developing local church histories and preserving as much information from the past as possible in order that each generation might pass its story down to its children and grandchildren.

The conference owes a debt of gratitude to Betty Thompson. Because of her efforts, people in the North Carolina Conference can look back and find a record of the many ways God has blessed His people and His churches here. Mrs. Betty always understood that for the church to move forward, it first must understand its past. To help the church forge a great future, Mrs. Betty taught us all the inspiring stories of the men and women who came before us, revealing the lessons they learned and the faith in God they developed along the way. The passion and care she displayed as archives director deserves a grand thank-you. We are a richer people because of her work.

WHO WE ARE...

Julius Culbreth's father, William Culbreth, was a general store operator who owned vast property in the Starling's Bridge area of Cumberland County, now more widely known as Falcon, NC. The elder Culbreth was affectionately nicknamed "Cheap Bill" due to his concern for the poor and because of the reasonable prices one could find on items in his stores. As a young man, it seemed that Julius did not inherit his father's humility or his regard for people less fortunate than himself. He enjoyed flaunting his father's wealth in front of his friends and was even known to light cigarettes with dollars bills, as if to say, "There's plenty more where that came from."

This great arrogance crumbled, however, in 1896 when Julius and his wife, Venie, attended a tent revival in Dunn held by renowned holiness evangelist (and later founder of the Pentecostal Holiness Church) Abner B. Crumpler. In this meeting, both Julius and his wife were saved and sanctified and dedicated themselves to serving God for the rest of their lives.

Over the next several years, the Culbreths built the Octagon Tabernacle in Falcon as a place for local residents to come and worship. Not long after the completion of the tabernacle, Culbreth gave a large sum of money to missions as a thank offering to God for healing Venie of appendicitis. Culbreth also established the annual Falcon Camp Meeting, where people of all faith traditions were welcomed to experience the power of God's holiness through the preaching of some of the greatest ministers of their time. Culbreth was also instrumental in starting the Falcon Holiness School as a training institute for young people searching for a holiness education, and he helped found and operate the Falcon Children's Home.

Through God's sanctifying power, Julius Culbreth, the man who once so arrogantly boasted of his father's wealth, became a humble servant whose work and influence helped transform the lives of thousands of people all over the world. This influence still pervades the North Carolina Conference today as two of the more significant ministries Culbreth started over 100 years ago are still going strong: the Falcon Camp Meeting is still a place where people can experience a powerful move of God each year, and the Falcon Children's Home still cares for young people who need someone to love and care for them, just as its founder did.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

ALGO PARA CELEBRAR EN EL FIN DE AÑO 2009

La Biblia dice que "demos gracias a Dios en todo", creo que podemos trasladar esta Palabra al poder ver en la forma en que Dios nos ha estado ayudando en el ministerio Hispano de nuestra Conferencia. Sinceramente creo que el propósito por el cual existe este ministerio hispano se extiende a más de un aspecto:

1. Predicar el evangelio a las naciones de habla hispana en USA, alcanzándolos para el reino de Dios
2. Levantar un pueblo que honre, adore y sirva a Dios
3. Edificar una iglesia vigorosa que muestre el poder y bondad de Dios a la comunidad por medio de su testimonio y servicio
4. Transformar individuos, familias y comunidades enteras que vivan la plenitud de vida que Cristo vino a darnos.

Juntos todos: nuestro obispo, nuestros pastores, nuestros líderes hispanos, nuestras iglesias, hemos estado trabajando en unidad para que hoy podamos ver un Ministerio Hispano fuerte y creciente en Carolina del Norte.

Por favor invierta unos minutos orando por este ministerio y si viene a su corazón alguna manera distinta de apoyarlo, no dude en hacerlo. Ore por lo siguiente:

1. Nuestros pastores y sus familias
2. Por las iglesias hispanas
3. Los miembros de nuestras iglesias quienes están en dificultad con su condición migratoria
4. Los líderes que dirigen el ministerio Hispano
5. Ore por más pastores y la provisión para plantar nuevas iglesias
6. Por las iglesias que necesitan un edificio para continuar su ministerio en cada ciudad
7. Por la unidad de los pastores e iglesias en cada lugar de Carolina del Norte

Hay otras formas que usted puede apoyar este ministerio, permítame sugerirle algunas de ellas:

a. Haciendo llamadas o enviando tarjetas/cartas para saludar y animar con buenas palabras a nuestros pastores.
b. Visitando algunas de las iglesias hispanas para respaldar los servicios
c. Aportando sus ofrendas para plantar nuevas iglesias hispanas
d. Llevando objetos o equipo que pueda ser de utilidad para las iglesias hispanas
e. Respaldando actividades de evangelización en las comunidades donde las iglesias estas sirviendo
f. Ayudando en el establecimiento de alguna nueva iglesia
g. Aportando horas de trabajo en alguna de las iglesias que están construyendo
h. Haciendo saber a los pastores acerca de entidades u organizaciones que pueden ser de beneficio para nuestros hermanos hispanos en general.
i. Aportando algunos obsequios en el mes del pastor o la navidad para el pastor y su familia

Si nos preocupamos en ser creativos, encontraremos muchas otras formas de apoyar el ministerio hispano en nuestra Conferencia en Carolina del Norte, con los cual agregaremos acciones de Gracias a Dios, supliremos necesidades y fortaleceremos a nuestros ministros.

A continuación deseo compartir alguna de la información que hemos preparado en los últimos meses de este ano acerca del ministerio hispano en nuestra Conferencia.

Iglesias y Ministros
64 Iglesias hispanas
90 Ministros
3 iglesias que se están comenzando

Iglesias y edificios
23 Rentan
29 Usan facilidades de iglesias americanas
12 Tienen su propio edificio

En los últimos cinco años
51 Nuevas iglesias se han establecido
Las iglesias están en 28 Condados
65 Nuevos ministros se han recibido de 13 países

Membresia de las iglesias
38 Iglesias – 12-51 miembros
12 Iglesias – 51-100 miembros
4 Iglesias – 101-150 miembros
6 Iglesias – 151-200 miembros
2 Iglesias – 201-250 miembros
2 Iglesias – 251-300 miembros

Total de iglesias comenzadas en los años 2008 Y 2009
2008: 9 Iglesias
2009: 5 Iglesias hasta ahora

Total de iglesias por distrito
Distrito Norte
13 iglesias organizadas
14 CTMs

Distrito Sur
9 Iglesias organizadas
12 CTMs

Distrito Este
11 Iglesias organizadas
5 CTMs

"Porque por un solo Espíritu fuimos todos bautizados en un cuerpo, sean judíos o griegos, sean esclavos o libres; y a todos se nos dio a beber de un mismo Espíritu. **Además, el cuerpo no es un solo miembro, sino muchos.**"
1 Corintios 12:13, 14

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE AT THE END OF 2009

The Bible says "in everything give thanks"; I believe that we can take this Word and apply it when we see the way God has been helping us in the Hispanic Ministry of our Conference. Sincerely I believe that the purpose for this Hispanic Ministry is extended in more than one aspect:

1. To preach the Gospel to the Hispanic nations in the U.S.A., reaching them for the Kingdom of God
2. To raise people to honor, worship, and serve God
3. To edify a vigorous church that shows the power and love of God to their community through their testimony and service
4. Transform individuals, families, and entire communities in order for them to live the plentiful life that Christ came to give us

Everyone together: our Bishop, our pastors, our leaders, and our churches have been working in unity to be able to see a strong and growing Hispanic Ministry in North Carolina today.

Please take time to pray for a few minutes for this ministry, and if something you can do in support of this ministry comes to your heart, do not hesitate to do it. Please pray for the following:

1. Our pastors and their families
2. The Hispanic churches
3. Those members in the churches that still do not have a good immigration status
4. The leaders who are leading the Hispanic Ministry
5. More pastors and provision to plant new churches
6. Those churches that still need a building to continue doing their ministry in their communities
7. For unity among the pastors in every place in North Carolina

There are others ways for you to support this ministry; let me suggest some of these ways:

a. Calling or sending cards or letters of encouragement to the pastors
b. Visiting some of the churches just to be in their services
c. Giving offerings to plant new churches
d. Taking some things or equipment that can be used in the Hispanic churches
e. Supporting evangelization projects in their communities
f. Helping to establish a new church
g. Giving work hours in some of the churches that are building or renovating their buildings
h. Making pastors knowledgeable about organizations or ministries that can be helpful to their ministries and the Hispanic community in general
i. Giving gifts or offerings to pastors in Pastors' Appreciation Month or at Christmas time

If we intend to be creative, we will find many others ways to support the Hispanic Ministry in our Conference, which we will add to giving thanks to God, providing needs, and strengthing the ministers.

Let me share with you some of the latest information about the Hispanic Ministry of the North Carolina Conference:

Churches and Ministers
64 Hispanic churches
90 ministers
3 more churches were started in the last three months.

Church and Buildings
23 are renting.
29 are using facilities of American churches.
12 own their buildings.

In the last five years
51 new churches
(The presence of these churches is in 28 counties.)
65 new ministers we have received from 13 countries

Membership of the Churches
38 churches – 12-51 members
12 churches – 51-100 members
4 churches – 101-150 members
6 churches – 151-200 members
2 churches – 201-250 members
2 churches – 251-300 members

Total churches started in the years of 2008 and 2009
2008: 9 Churches
2009: 5 churches already

Total churches per district
North District
13 organized churches
14 CTMs

South District
9 organized churches
12 CTMs

East District
11 organized churches
5 CTMs

"For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ***For in fact the body is not one member, but many.***"
1 Corinthians 12:13, 14

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Vernon Clark

Went to heaven on Sept. 11, '09

Where Are They Now...?

Buck and Ada Joyce Parnell

As a young man of 24, Buck Parnell joined the U.S. Navy. After four years of active duty and four years in the Reserves, he was discharged in 1962. It was in this year that he and Ada Joyce started attending the Lumberton PH Church, where Rev. Bailey Lewis was pastor. Rev. Lewis led them to the Lord and then put them to work in the church. From the beginning of his spiritual walk, Buck knew that he must preach, and he worked under the leadership of his pastor, who tutored, mentored him, and gave him opportunity to preach.

In 1966 he received his ministerial license and was assigned his first church. Except for a brief time in evangelism, Buck and Ada Joyce pastored 7 churches over a period of 30 years. At age 61, while preaching at the West View PH Church, he had a heart attack which forced his retirement.

"At every pastorate," Buck says, "we built something—a church, parsonage, or educational building—or repaired what was already there." Often people would ask where he got his building expertise. What they didn't know was, "I had a brother who was a contractor, and what I didn't know I would ask him. He never let me down."

Buck Parnell was not privileged to receive a formal education for ministry, but he made up for it by attending Heritage Bible College in Dunn, NC, and Southwestern College in Oklahoma City, OK. He was only hours away from completing his studies at Southwestern when the lack of funds forced him to drop out. He has always been a serious student of the Word and a good preacher.

The Parnells have lived in Lumberton since his retirement in 1990, but recently moved to Clarkton, NC. He has never fully recovered from the heart attack he suffered in 1990 and, in addition, suffers from Parkinson's disease. Ada Joyce is a cancer survivor and has been operated on three times, and more surgery is planned. Their move to Clarkton was so they could be near their children and grandchildren, whom they love dearly.

Buck and Ada Joyce are faithful servants of the Lord, and their greatest desire is to get back to preaching and leading others to the Lord. They are hampered by physical problems, but their witness for Him is still strong and effective. They send their love and prayers to everyone.

MY BIG BROTHER

My big brother was never very big. He was more like our mother, who was rather short in statue. (She could walk under my outstretched arm and wore size 3 shoes.) But my big brother, like my sweet mother, never appeared small to me. Both, in their own way, made big footprints in the sands of time on me, the youngest of three boys.

Several years ago while living in Lumberton, my brother became very sick and thought he might die. He sent for me to come to the hospital, for he had something to tell me. Once there, I asked him what he had on his mind. He said, *"Just shortly before Mama passed away, she asked me if I would take care and look after you."* After a short pause, honestly thinking he might pass, he said, *"I have done the best I could, and from now on,* ***you're on your own!****"* He continued to tell me how proud he was of me and how much he cared for me. I was speechless. My mind went blank. I could think of nothing to say.

You see, Vernon had always looked after me. He was my big brother! He took a lot of pleasure in watching me explode with happiness when he gave me a tricycle one Christmas and on another occasion a two-wheeled scooter, the only two toys I remember ever receiving as a child. I tearfully remember how I wanted to tag along with him and his teenage friends, but he would patiently tell me I could not go, but *he would be back after a while.* I would stand in the yard and watch him until he was out of sight. At age 19 he gave his heart to the Lord and enrolled as a student at Holmes College in Greenville, SC. Again, I experienced that feeling of abandonment as I watched him pack his trunk and wondered if I would ever see him again. He comforted me with much the same words... *I'll be back after a while.* When I learned that he might be going to Africa as a missionary, I thought I would never see him again, but he assured me that if he did go... *he would be back after a while.* His promise to return was enough. I believed him.

As I grew up, those close ties were somewhat replaced by my own boyhood interests. When the Lord saved me in 1949 and called me to preach, I followed in his footsteps and enrolled at Holmes College. Our mutual interest in serving the Lord and preaching the gospel renewed that boyhood love and appreciation. Once again he became my "Big Brother," my mentor and example. He was one of the most consistent Christians I have ever known.

His declining health over the last few years has often reminded me of those times when, as a little boy, I stood all teary-eyed in the front yard of our house and watched him slowly walk up the hill out of my sight with his friends. I can see him now, as then, turn and, seeing me standing there, raise his arms and wave, saying, *"Don't cry, I'll be back after a while."*

His final week is one we will never forget. His mind was clear; he attended church and rejoiced in the Lord. On the evening of his passing he was busy praying and witnessing to the staff at the nursing center.

Our teacher at Holmes Bible College, Dr. Beacham, often said to the student body, ***"Consistency, Consistency, thou art a jewel."*** The phrase fits my big brother to a tee. He was one of the best! -wtc

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

"YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?"

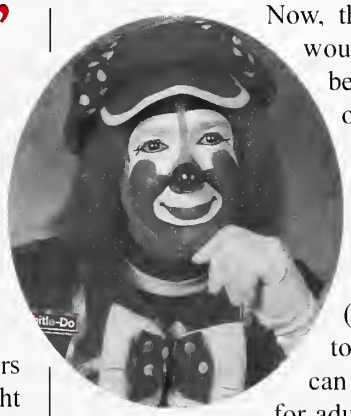
These were the words that rang aloud after the Lord directed me to start a new ministry direction. The reactions of people were astounding, confusing, and sometimes just hurtful. Yet when you know the Lord gives the direction, it is not about the opinions of men; however, having confirmation gives strength.

This direction came 16 years ago. Since then, many doors of ministry have opened. Whoever would have thought eight different denominations and seven states would be part of the platform from which I would minister? It doesn't take long to realize there are lost people in every denomination. Though ministry took me to non-Pentecostal as well as Pentecostal settings, the message of salvation is still the same. Jesus is Lord, and people need Him desperately.

After moving back to Dunn, where we now reside, the Conference Evangelism Board offered me the opportunity to become a full-time conference evangelist. This truly was a blessing, and I am honored to serve in this capacity. In fact, I was the first and only full-time children's evangelist to serve in this capacity. Presently I am honored to serve on the Church Education Ministries Board (CEM).

Looking back, I am amazed at what has taken place. These years have allowed me to be just a minute part in seeing over 5,000 people—adults and children—accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Through the art of clowning, children have been healed. Salvation is still the priority, but in a youth camp several years ago, the Lord afforded me to witness over 50 kids receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Yes, believe it! The Holy Spirit can fill children, and they can speak in tongues. Maybe we need to give them more of an environment where the Lord can work. Wouldn't you like to see this in your local church?

Rev. Danny Nelson, our conference Evangelism/World Missions director, asked me about what has taken place this year. Already over 150 have accepted the Lord. In August I was asked by Pastor Wiley Hughes to do a three-day crusade. In three nights, he and his staff report that 60 alone made a profession of faith. Prior to those three nights, Kids' Camp Meeting took place. During those services we had four to confess Jesus as Lord. To God be the GLORY! I am humbled that the Lord has allowed me to be a part of His Kingdom and see His manifested power.



Now, the rest of the story, as Paul Harvey would say. The doors of ministry have not been solely to children. I get the best of all three worlds. When you have pastored for over 10 years, preaching is something I still like to do (out of makeup, of course). Remember, I'm normally in clown! The three worlds: preach to adults, minister to teens (an age I really love), and minister to children. This is where our ministry can benefit you. If you need a revival for adults, no problem; minister to teens, no problem; minister to your children, no problem. Often I do crusades. It starts with Sunday morning, when I preach; Sunday nights, minister to teens; and Monday through Wednesday, minister through a family crusade geared toward all ages, presenting the gospel in clown. My heart is still to help train leaders for children's ministry—in fact, all facets of ministry. It is my prayer the Lord will somehow help me to change the mind-set of our pastors to understand that the greatest harvest for their church is their children. Did you know by the time children reach the age of 13, they have established the values, morals, and ideas that will guide them for the rest of their lives? It's true.

Though I may seem to be for just one age, it's **not so**; we can tailor the ministry, schedule, and times to minister to your whole church. Think about it. Let me leave you with this. When I first made the decision to go into evangelism, mostly children's ministry, the statement was made, "He's given up the ship," primarily because I wasn't pastoring. Man, did this bother me… until one day I spoke to a dear friend, Pastor Paul Evans. He responded, "Terry give them a proverbial answer." "What do you mean?" He said, "Tell them you have traded your ship in for a yacht." Well, thank God for my yacht!!

Please continue to pray the Lord will allow me to continue to share His love through the art of clowning, preaching, teaching, and loving. My heart is to be His servant and help others to be loved and fall in love with the Master.

For booking information, contact: *Rev. Terry Whittenton, 200 Poppy St., Dunn, NC 28334; or call 910-892-8971 or 919-820-2689.*

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE WELCOMES NEW MISSIONARIES

MICHAEL AND LESLIE TIGNOR!

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less traveled by.
And that has made all the difference.

These well-known words of Robert Frost begin to describe Michael and Leslie Tignor's desire for ministry. They have been married for a little over a year and are recent graduates of Emmanuel College School of Christian Ministries. While many young couples are looking for a home or a career to settle into, Michael and Leslie are preparing for a road that fewer take—the road of Missions.

More specifically, a two-year stay in Kenya. While there, Michael and Leslie will be involved in People to People Ministries and will also develop a media ministry. Through People to People they want to see physical, emotional, and spiritual needs meet. They will have the opportunity to meet these needs through feeding programs, updating People to People children, and meeting with children who need to be a part of People to People. The media ministry will focus on shooting video of the great works of missionaries in Kenya and East Africa. This will provide more information for churches and pastors who faithfully support Missions, as well as introduce new supporters to all that the International Pentecostal Holiness Church is doing around the world.

Michael and Leslie feel called to reach nations for Christ. Most of all, they want to see souls saved. To accomplish this, God has placed within each of them a heart of compassion and a desire to serve. There are many needs on both a local and a universal scale, many people in difficult situations. They want to reach out to those in need by helping them physically and emotionally. However, they understand that meeting the spiritual need is of the utmost importance. Only through Christ can a people, a community, or a nation be changed.

Michael and Leslie would love for you to be a part of their journey to Missions. They have an open calendar and would be happy to fill it with church services, youth group meetings, and Sunday schools that want to learn more and support their ministry. The following is their contact information:

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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me…I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.
—Matthew 25:35-36, 40 (NIV)

GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING UPDATE

As of August 31st, we have received (in pledges and offerings):

$305,607

(2009 Goal—$310,000)

PRAISE THE LORD for your faithful response!!

Pastors & Churches, please be reminded that we *must* receive your Global Outreach offering at the Conference Office by Tuesday, December 15, in order to be counted for 2009.

Thank you for your promotion and support of the Global Outreach Offering!

Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

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Has Sunday School Become Irrelevant?

by Paul Evans, NC Conference CEM Secretary & Senior Pastor, Wilmington First PHC

Discussion has been going on for years now about the value of Sunday school. For decades, doubts over the effectiveness of Sunday school have been spoken of behind closed doors. No one wants to be responsible for the demise of Sunday school, and yet many have expressed reservations about its effectiveness. Like the proverbial fruitless tree encumbering the ground, it has been suggested that we rip it up. I would like to address those reservations in this article and confront two reasons why questions have been raised over Sunday school's continued existence as part of their church's ministry program.

If Sunday school has been treated badly or perceived as irrelevant at times, the problem probably lies not with the program or the concept itself, but with the way Sunday school has been handled by people who have virtually ignored it. Without proper feeding, exercise, and some occasional affection, your dog is not going to be much of a pet. Sunday school often suffers from a benign neglect that has left it under-resourced, understaffed, under-reported, and underappreciated. It is true—I know it because I have seen it for 40 years now—we have secretly thought that the reason Sunday school has fallen off is that people are not as spiritual as they used to be! We have waited in vain for them to return to Sunday school, and we have done everything in our power to maintain it in the same condition for them as when they left, so that when they come back they'll still recognize it! The truth is, it has been 40 years, and unless some of us wake up and do something differently, they are not coming back—and neither are we going to see any significant numbers of new faces!

There is nothing wrong with Sunday school as a concept, not with its goals or with its purposes. Sunday school's design is to provide for the spiritual education, maturity, and fellowship of the saints of God at a deeper level than the morning worship experience alone can provide. The goal of Sunday school is to provide a momentum that produces spiritual maturity in the saints while providing a growing knowledge of the Word of God and connecting believers to one another in meaningful fellowship. The result of this connectivity is encouragement and accountability. This goal sounds very much like the original lasting effects achieved shortly after Pentecost and the way Paul describes the church in terms of the body of Christ. Check out Acts 2:42-47 and Ephesians 4:16.

There are two things that have done more to destroy Sunday school than just about any other single factor. Brace yourself because some of us are not going to like this! Sunday school has not been encouraged to renew itself. Many individual Sunday school programs and ministries have languished in traditionalism and irrelevancy. While we busily resist change, we also wonder why Sunday school is dying. I categorically state that it is because Sunday school has often not been allowed to change and adapt to address believers in the context of the world in which they live. While we are discussing outdated theological concepts, irrelevant denominational themes, or peddling quarterly lesson plans, believers are asking about how they can maximize the impact of their devotion to God in their daily lives. I am a theological junkie, and I believe in "doing" good theology. But I have learned that unless I clothe good theology in relevancy for everyday life and for what people are facing in the real world, I will soon find myself alone in the classroom. It is time for Sunday school to grapple with the issues of our society and daily lives by applying the solid principles of the Word of God. It may even be necessary to change our approach to Sunday school—a new meeting time or structure, a new name if necessary—while maintaining its core mission and primary character as the disciple-making arm of the church (as Shakespeare once remarked, let's not fight over a name).

The second thing that has "killed" Sunday school is a lack of fresh leadership and staff (teachers). It is hard to recruit teachers for Sunday school anyway, but especially if there is already a negative perception of the program in a given church or location. Most Sunday schools are badly in need of young, fresh, innovative, talented, and technically savvy teachers, men and women who will teach relevantly, using innovative methodologies. The day of the deadpan lecture is over, and the age of the elective, PowerPoint, video, drama, discussion, etc., is here. The amount of preparation work necessary to teach well has significantly increased, to be sure, but the benefits of such an effort have literally revolutionized discipleship ministries in many churches. It is time to recruit young teachers for children who will dress up as Bible characters, show a relevant video to adults and invite discussion, serve coffee and soft drinks to college students, take a serious look at important theology, or turn a classroom into a striking environment that will invite people to listen.

I have one last question for you. Who is going to be the catalyst for change, innovation, and renewal for Sunday school in your church? But, you say, I am just a teacher; I do not have much influence. Change that brings freshness has to begin somewhere, so why not in your classroom, with you making a conscious effort to take a fresh approach to teaching? Why not change your style and adopt something innovative for just a while, just to see how well received it will be? If you do the same thing again and again, don't be surprised when you get the same disappointing results. You don't have to argue, butt heads, or make yourself a pain in the neck to your leaders; just quietly and prayerfully make some changes in your own field of ministry.

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Have a blessed new year!

Jim Whitfield

"...LET US GO ON..."

(Hebrews 6:1)

One of the saddest things that can happen to an individual or the local church is to get stuck in the past or the present and not go on to what is next. It is possible to let the pains of the past or the issues of the present stall us or even stop us from moving forward into God's future for us.

Studies indicate that more new things are started in the month of January than any other time of the year. It is a perfect time for new beginnings, second chances, and forward movement in our life and church. I would like to take this time to encourage all of our ministers and churches to give prayerful consideration to what God has in store for you in 2010. The plans He has for you are to do you good, not to harm you. It is the enemy that comes to steal, kill, and destroy, but our Lord came to this earth with a plan to give life and give it more abundantly (John 10:10).

On December 6, I preached in one of our Hispanic churches in Raleigh. Their meeting place is in a complex with six auditoriums that was originally used as six different theaters. Churches are now holding services in these auditoriums. Our church there is named Fountain of Love and Life. They have a 10:00 a.m. service and 3:00 p.m. service. I preached at the 10:00 a.m. service with approximately 200 people present. They have a strong afternoon service also. This church has worked through challenges to get to where it is today, but they are committed to going on to God's good future for them. Pastor Miguelina Olivo and her team of leadership have their hearts pointed toward tomorrow.

I pray for all of our churches and ministers to sense a renewal and resurgence of spirit, vision, and mission. Let us be given to the Master and His ministry more than ever in 2010. What if we don't? What will be the outcome? John Maxwell in his book entitled Running With the Giants asks us, "What if...?"

What if Michelangelo had said, "I don't do ceilings"?
What if Noah had said, "I don't do boats"?
What if Moses had said, "I don't do rivers"?
What if David had said, "I don't do Goliaths"?
What if Mary had said, "I don't do virgin births"?
What if Peter had said, "I don't do Gentile discipleship"?
What if Paul had said, "I don't do letters"?
What if Jesus had said, "I don't do crosses"?

What if we say, "I don't do ministry anymore"? I'm stuck, stalled, stalemated by the past or present. I'm not going on!

No, a thousand times no! That cannot be. Let us go on. Souls need rescuing. Christ is counting on us. Heaven will be worth it. His church needs us to go into 2010 wide open for our soon-coming King! Let us go on...

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

January, February, March 2010

Rev. Daisy Morris	January 1
Rev. Mary Belle Johnson	January 5
Rev. King White	January 11
Rev. Buck Parnell	January 16
Rev. Jimmy Swinson	January 18
Rev. Raleigh Horton	January 22
Rev. James McCandless	January 22
Rev. Linwood Butts	January 29
Rev. Dempsey Winstead	January 30
Rev. Harold Turpin	February 1
Rev. Sherwood O'Neal	February 1
Rev. Hildred Potter	February 2
Rev. Calvin Trueblood	February 15
Rev. Frank Gentry	February 18
Rev. Tim Henry	February 26
Rev. H. M. Parson	March 1
Rev. Betty Rogers	March 5
Rev. Marvin Rogers	March 6
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Rev. Jettie Lee Parker

April 23, 1923 – November 8, 2009

Jettie Lee Parker was born in Nash County, North Carolina, on April 23, 1923, the son of the late Kelly Parker and Rosa Poland Parker.

Following his conversion as a young man, Jettie accepted God's call to preach the Gospel and ministered as an evangelist, planting a number of Pentecostal Holiness churches throughout eastern North Carolina. Following graduation from Holmes Bible College in 1952, he and his wife, Sue, pastored the Warsaw and Penderlea churches for a brief period, and shortly after, Superintendent W. Eddie Morris requested Jettie to work with him as associate pastor at the Goldsboro Oak Street Church (now The First Church). During this time they, along with Brother Morris, visited churches throughout the conference and raised financial support for the Parkers to go to the mission field. In 1953, they went to Africa, where they served as missionaries in South Africa and Malawi for 25 years. They took a leave from mission work during the 1970s, and Jettie pastored the Sanford First Pentecostal Holiness Church for eight years. After his retirement, he continued to minister faithfully in a number of rest homes in the Sanford area.

Jettie remained active in the ministry, teaching Sunday school and conducting rest home services each Thursday morning and Sunday evening. In His gracious plan and in answer to Jettie's heartfelt prayer, God allowed him the wonderful opportunity to continue preaching to the end of his life: His last message was preached on Thursday morning, November 5, 2009, before he entered the hospital the same night. He went home to be with the Lord on Sunday afternoon, November 8, 2009.

Funeral services for Brother Parker were held on Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at the Sanford Pentecostal Holiness Church. Reverend Greg Long, Dr. Harold Dalton, and Bishop Jim Whitfield officiated.

Sue and the children – Patricia, Dexter, Jettie Jr., Mark, and Joy – will mourn his loss in the days ahead, but they know with complete assurance that their husband and father is rejoicing today in the presence of the Savior. Jettie leaves to his 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren a vibrant legacy of godliness, an example that will bear the standard and forge the path for the family members who follow in years to come. He will be remembered as the model father and husband who loved his family deeply and gave them the greatest gift: the shining example of what it means to live a life wholly committed to God and to the building of His kingdom.

FUNERAL EXCERPTS BY BISHOP JIM WHITFIELD:

Acts 20:25-27 – "What Is Left Now?"

Paul is giving what he feels is his farewell address to the church at Ephesus (v. 25): "I know that ye all... shall see my face no more." The question for the people at Ephesus would be, If Paul leaves, what will be left?

I heard the Parker family struggling with a similar reality Friday night as they processed the devastating news of Brother Jettie's condition.

One daughter said, "I've never been where my daddy did not talk to me when I talked to him."

Mrs. Sue asked, "What in the world will it be like living without him?"

Here is what is left when someone we love a lot leaves us:

The church family is still here. The Parker family and your church families are still here.

The Word of God, which He declared, is still here with all of its promises and comfort.

The Holy Spirit is still here for you and with you (v. 28). Your assignments for God are still here. God's love for you is still real. You have been purchased by his blood.

Brother Jettie's influences will continue with you as long as you are here.

Pastor Noah B. Barefoot, Jr.

Pastor Barefoot, a native of Sampson County, lived his early life in the Roseboro community. He was the salutatorian of the 1980 Class of Lakewood High School. He attended Emmanuel College and graduated valedictorian of the 1985 Class of Holmes Bible College. He continued his studies at Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, where he received a master's degree in church planting.

Pastor Barefoot's ministry was in church planting. He began working as the minister of music at New Bern First Pentecostal Holiness Church. In 1988, he moved to Robersonville, where he was involved in the revitalization of the Robersonville Pentecostal Holiness Church, which was renamed Grace Family Fellowship during his tenure there. He also pastored churches in Mount Olive, Asheville, and Greenville, three of which he started as new churches. He was the current pastor of Grace Outreach Ministries in Winterville.

Pastor Barefoot was preceded in death by an infant son. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Brenda Barefoot; daughter, Mary Beth Barefoot of the home; parents, Noah and Westa Barefoot of Roseboro; sisters, Bonita Spain and husband, Reggie, and Dawn Barefoot, both of Greenville; nieces and nephews, Coleman, Tollie, Mary Catherine, and Hudson Spain; and a special aunt, Cassie Barefoot.

Funeral services for Brother Barefoot were held on Monday, October 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Greenville, NC. Bishop James Leggett, Bishop Chris Thompson, Reverend Bobby Williams, and Bishop Jim Whitfield officiated.

As Reverend Williams stated in his comments, "Noah is gone from us, but he has left a legacy of souls he brought to Jesus and ministers he loved and mentored."

FUNERAL EXCERPTS BY REVEREND BOBBY WILLIAMS:

"Noah believed that the promise that as Christians we were in Christ Jesus was so important that he made it a foundation stone of his personal theology."

"He was the strongest believer in personal witnessing and soul winning I ever knew."

BY BISHOP CHRIS THOMPSON

"I saw him grow up into a man of God."

"Noah was a pastor. Even more so, he was a church planter. Through it all, he was a soul winner."

HOLLY HILL PASTOR PREACHES FROM ROOFTOP

A challenge to the children at the Holly Hill Church Vacation Bible School resulted in Pastor Marty Warren preaching from the rooftop of the church, which is located near Vanceboro.

The church is in a building fund campaign, and the offerings were designated to go toward that fund. Boys and girls vied each night to see who would get to pour "swamp slime" on Pastor Marty or Melanie Ross (designated VBS female), depending upon which gender brought in the most money. The goal had been set for $1,000. However, Pastor Marty jokingly promised the children if the offering reached $5,000, he would preach from the rooftop.

The children readily took him up on the challenge. There was much excitement each night as the offering was received, not only as to whether Pastor Marty would get the "swamp slime bath," but also as the offering exceeded the $1,000 goal and moved on toward the $5,000 challenge. At the Sunday morning closing program, the offering had exceeded Pastor Marty's challenge.

On Sunday, November 8, the congregation of about 125 people gathered outside the church for this unique service with musical instruments, speakers, and chairs all set up to accommodate the event. People cheered as Pastor Marty ascended the ladder to the roof. He preached an appropriate sermon from Philippians 3:14, challenging the congregation to "press for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

On the following Tuesday, the front page of the *New Bern Sun Journal* featured a large picture of Pastor Marty preaching from the roof. In the news article he is quoted as saying, "That was a first for me. Some might think it strange, but Jesus preached from a boat, a mountaintop and lots of unusual places… wherever He was."

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"But the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven: a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year."

(Deuteronomy11:11, 12)

Today, we stand upon the verge of the unknown. As we look forward to the new year, we have no idea what we will find. What new experiences and changes shall come? What new needs shall arise? But there is comfort in knowing, *"The Lord your God cares for it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year."* What a great promise from our Lord!

We have many opportunities every day to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I would like to commend you for your sacrificial gifts to support the many areas of ministry that are supported through Women's Ministries. Thank you for your faithfulness.

I challenge you in this new year to trust the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. It will be a good and a blessed year!

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

Pray for these Upcoming Events:

- 2010 Leadership Seminar will be held at the Shiloh PH Church in Wilson on January 30, with the theme *"Compelled by Love."* One of the guest speakers is former Special Agent in Charge of Computer Crimes Unit, Kevin R. West, of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.
- 2010 Pre-Quadrennial Convention Committee Meetings
- NCWM 2010 Retreat will be held at The First Church in Goldsboro, NC, March 19-20. Our theme is *"Fan the Flame!"* Our guest speaker is Evangelist Beth Stephens.

POTPOURRI...

- To eliminate flyaway hair in cold weather, simply rub your brush with a fabric softener sheet before brushing your hair.
- Squeeze regular white toothpaste onto dull silverware, and buff with a paper towel. The cleaning agents that shine tooth enamel work the same magic on silver, restoring its finish.
- Use the empty decorative popcorn tin that you got for Christmas to store your dry pet food.

HONOR STARS

On September 16, four young ladies were crowned "Honor Stars" at The First Church in Goldsboro. The crowning ceremony is part of the Girls' Ministries (Mpact/Teen Girl Ministries) that is taught each week at the church. The girls completed a 3-year curriculum, which included 27 unit studies, "The World About You" (activities) and "The World Within You" (character development). Scripture memorization, projects, and Bible reading are also part of the program. These young ladies also received the bronze medal for obtaining "Honor Status" in three clubs – Daises, Prims, and Stars. Congratulations, Girls!

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Plug In and Light Up

We have just celebrated the wonderful birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We have just entered into a new year. We have experienced joy and happiness with our families and friends. Most of us probably paused at the end of 2009 to review ourselves and to make a few new resolutions accordingly. Unfortunately, most of these well-intentioned resolutions will last only a bit longer than the time it took to make them!

So now that we have celebrated and our short-lived resolutions are almost past us, let us begin to focus on what lies ahead of us. The stresses and cares of this world are not getting any easier for most of us to deal with in our everyday lives. The morals of our society are plunging downhill faster every day, duping many into believing that what the Bible calls sin is really okay because everyone is doing it and our courts call it legal. Jesus tells us through Paul in Phil. 2:15 that it is "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world."

Christians, we are in the midst of crookedness and perversion. It is time for us to take the shade off, dust the dirt off our spiritual bulb, get plugged in to the Holy Spirit, and start "shining" as a light for Christ in this sin-darkened country, state, county, city, neighborhood we live in! It is time for us to make a difference, to focus on what lies ahead.

What does lie ahead? We know for those who believe in Christ and live according to His Word, Heaven waits. But too many people we know and love are caught up in sin. They are headed for Hell, but cannot see the treacherous road they are traveling because of the sin darkness Satan has around them.

They are groping for the way, like revelers crammed in a dark nightclub filled with hazy smoke, black lights flashing to blaring music as the scent of alcohol and drugs smolder in the air. When the police come and cut on the lights, the night clubbers scatter; the light shows a dirty room and disheveled people. The party no longer has appeal. So must the Light of the Gospel be able to shine from us to expose the depravity of sin, lighting the path away from Hell and to the door of redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ.

It is time we stop just sitting still. We must move forward for Christ Jesus, making a difference in the lives of people. There is nothing we can do about yesterday, but plenty we can do about today and tomorrow (if God gives us breath), beginning right now!

Christ has called us to live on another level. Paul says it best in Phil 3:13-14: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This was the motive of Paul's life. He saw a glimpse of the glory of heaven that day on the Damascus Road and resolved that his whole life, by the grace of God, would be centered around his determination to press on and, some day, get to heaven and see Christ face to face. And he spent his whole life dedicated to preparing others to do the same!

The time has come that our resolution to reach the lost for Christ not be short-lived. Let us rejoice in the Lord and be careful for nothing and make our requests known unto God. Let our request be first and foremost to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Don't live in the past, whether it be a past of failure or fame, but prepare now for tomorrow, the tomorrow that brings us a day closer to seeing Christ ourselves. What a pity it would be to arrive in heaven alone because we failed to let our light shine so that our family and friends could see through the darkness of sin and be saved too!

Dates to Remember:

September 17-18, 2010: Men's Advance with featured speaker Nate Larkin

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Prayer

Prayer is a sacred (holy, consecrated, blessed, sanctified) lifestyle.

Prayer is the means by which believers communicate with God, their Creator.

Prayer is a command that has been given to every believer by God.

Prayer is praying the heart and will of God.

Prayer is the heart of God being revealed and then voiced.

Prayer is the conduit by which God from heaven moves on earth.

Prayer is an individual, group, or corporate body speaking with God.

Prayer is Almighty God speaking and moving through His Body, the church.

Prayer is to acknowledge that nothing on earth can be done without God.

Prayer is a spiritual interaction and exchange with God.

Prayer is spending time with your Creator and Lover.

Prayer is the privilege of every believer who has obtained access to God through Jesus Christ, His Son.

Prayer is a verbal, meditative, entreating, worshipful, silent, loud, groaning, sharing, consulting, requesting manner through which believers can commune with God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."
Ps. 55:17

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Thank You, Ministers and Spouses

Upon leaving Holmes Bible College to accept the role of pastor in Deland, Florida, Jimmy and I came by the North Carolina Conference office to share with the conference superintendent, Brother Eddie Morris, our plans to transfer to another conference. From Bro. Morris's response, you would have thought his children were leaving home (even though Jimmy had been ordained only one year), but he finally left it up to Jimmy to make the final decision. His last words were, "You'll be back." And he was right. Eleven years later when we returned, we returned as a family of six… two boys and twin girls.

I know we all have a story and can reflect back over our lives and see the hand of God leading, step by step, and see His faithfulness even up to this very hour.

This conference has blessed us with many opportunities of ministry through pastoral assignments, Women's Ministries, Ministers' Wives, serving on the conference board, and other areas. I trust we have used our time wisely and represented you with love.

I read an illustration of a message passed on to a friend who was an investor: "Brock, imagine you received notification that your banker was depositing $86,400 in your account, with only one stipulation: you must spend or invest all of it before midnight, or the money would be lost forever." The message goes on to say, "We all receive such a gift every day. Each morning we are credited with 86,400 seconds of time, and by the end of the day, we have either made an investment or we've taken a loss." Hopefully, we allow the Lord to enable us to be wise investors of our time and not have to take a loss at the end of the day.

To begin the new year, it is a good time to remember the wonderful promises when God told Moses to speak to Aaron and his sons to bless His children, the Israelites. Read Numbers 6:22-27. God said, "This is how I want it done." God is known for His specific instructions. Tell them: "**The Lord bless** you and **keep** you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and **be gracious**…" These promises and blessings are still applicable to us today. Ask yourself: What does this say? What does it say to me? How does it apply to me? What will I do about it?

In ancient historic records, it was stated in the Jewish Talmud that when these words of blessing were spoken, the priests actually trembled. They shook with reverence and awe: these were not merely good wishes or a nice-sounding benediction. Not like "Happy Holidays" and "Bless you" when someone sneezes, which are good gestures, these are action verbs spoken by God Himself. They are all prefixed by the One who imparts the power to create what they mean, what they describe. That is why the priests trembled. Oh, the power in the words of God. Give attention to these words: "**The Lord… keep thee**."

We all know how the caring shepherds built hedges at night around their flocks when they were too far away to lead them back home before nightfall. The shepherds would build a hedge about them by using briers, bushes, limbs, thistles, and thorns to keep the wild animals out and protect the sheep.

Jesus, our chief Shepherd, not only built a hedge for His sheep; He was willing to wear it. He wore the thorns for His sheep to keep them/us from the wild. He was so committed to keeping and protecting His children that this commitment took Him all the way to Calvary's cross, where He shed real blood to cover our sins, died in very real pain, and endured the very real curse of sin so that through faith we, even today, can inherit a very real blessing. We are still experiencing "His Keep" today.

Whatever we face today, tomorrow, and the days ahead, I pray His gracious arms will enfold you and protect you. You may recall times you didn't know where or which way to turn, or whom to turn to, and you felt you could go no further… quietly, you sensed His divine "Keeping Hand," undergirding you, sustaining you, keeping watch over you.

God said, "Put my name on them; I will bless them." Is His name on your life? Let's wear it with honor.

Jimmy and I thank you for the love, support, and prayers you've given us over the years, and we want you to know we are truly grateful. We are happy to serve you.

The Lord… you and yours!

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

WHO WE ARE: JESSE JAMES MAKE HISTORY...

Evangelist Jesse James was saved in the Parmele revival of May 1907, an act that, according to some people who knew him, was a full-fledged miracle. James, it is said, was one of the meanest men in his entire community. He had allegedly been involved in a murder and had certainly stolen a man's daughter and married her. But there he was at Parmele, weeping at the altar and seeking God's salvation. A few days later, on June 16, 1907, James was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. As James described the experience, the Holy Ghost "spoke with my tongue about five hours, glory to God, and He still speaks." On that same day, he felt compelled to preach and almost immediately entered full-time ministry, taking with him a wife and eight (later nine) children.[1]

For over two decades, James would undertake the work of an evangelist and the hardships that accompanied that calling. "I have slept on benches, had a few doors shut against me," he wrote in 1926, but in those years, he saw dozens of people saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, especially in revivals in Rosemary, where he claimed 14 were saved, 8 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost; and Scotland Neck, where 7 received salvation, 2 were sanctified, and 3 were baptized in the Spirit. In 1928, James would hold a revival in Goldsboro with 30 souls saved, 25 sanctified, and 24 filled with the Pentecostal baptism.[2]

But James is most renowned for a historic revival in Falcon in the early months of 1921 in which more than 100 people received the baptism of the Spirit and approximately the same number joined the church. The people of Falcon had been preparing for the revival for some time before James arrived, and their supplications to the Almighty resulted in a spiritual atmosphere filled with sacred anticipation. When the meetings finally took place, the "power of God" fell, causing the people to "leap, jump, dance, talk in tongues and fall in trances."[3]

There were sunrise prayer meetings every morning during the Falcon revival, and the children prayed throughout the day for the services at night. Florence Goff, who with her husband, Henry, formed a powerful evangelistic team in their own right, reports that "of the 36 homes in Falcon, including the Orphanage and Dormitory, God's healing power has been manifested in at least 16 of them, by actual count, and there may be more for aught I know to the contrary."[4]

Mrs. Goff herself was evidence of God's healing power manifested in this revival, and she described an incident that occurred one day during the revival when she had taken ill and was unable to move from her bed.

> Three little girls came in and saw me crying, and they went out. In a few minutes about 15 girls from 6 to 18 years old came in from their prayer meeting they have had every day since January. They began to pray, talk in tongues, sing in tongues, dance. One fell over in the floor under the power. I got as easy as if I had been chloroformed, went to sleep, and did not wake till my son came in at 10 o'clock. The fever left at once. I went to church on a chair next night. Have been to the pump on my crutches and all over the house since then. I tell you friends God is alive.[5]

James' triumph in Falcon was the apex of an evangelistic career that lasted for several decades. Over those years, he endured terrible hardships that might have caused a less passionate man to surrender. While on the road, traveling to preach the Gospel, he not only lay on benches because he could not find a welcome spot to sleep, but also ate soda crackers to sustain himself when he lacked money to buy any other type of nourishment. Yet all the time, he trusted the care of himself and his large family to the Lord, and the Lord never failed to bless this courageous, zealous minister of Christ.[6]

James died in 1944, but forever left his mark on the little village of Falcon. There for several weeks in 1926, this former derelict, the meanest man in town, as he was known, called down the power of God with the effect that the destiny of hundreds of souls was eternally changed, and broken lives were healed. His reward in Heaven must be greater than he ever could have imagined. He rests now in the arms of Jesus and dines at the table of God's grace.

ENDNOTES

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NUESTRA POSICION EN EL AÑO 2010

Tomar el ejemplo de la reina Ester, es valioso en esta parte de un nuevo año, ya que nos da pautas de un hijo de Dios que toma su posición y se vuelve efectivo en las manos de Dios. No importa cuan pequeño o grande sea lo que usted está haciendo para Dios, usted lo lleva a cabo porque está respondiendo a un llamado del Señor de:

a. Invertir y usar sus talentos. Mateo 25:14-16
b. Cumplir con su función dentro del cuerpo de Cristo. Romanos 12:4-6
c. Ministrar el don que Dios le ha dado a otros. 1 Pedro 4:10
d. Edificar la iglesia con tus dones. 1 Corintios 14:12

De esta manera la obra del Señor se mantendrá en movimiento; creciendo, siendo edificada y cumpliendo con su misión para con Dios y el mundo. La reina Ester tomó su posición y se puso en el centro de la voluntad de Dios, participando activamente de los planes de Dios para Su pueblo.

Según la historia como lo leemos en el libro de Ester, ella fue elegida reina en vez de Vasti (Ester 2:17), pero al continuar leyendo en los siguientes capítulos del libro de Ester, uno puede notar los propósitos por los cuales fue elegida reina. Poniendo el ejemplo de la reina Ester a la luz de nuestras vidas, entendemos que nosotros estamos aquí no solo como personas salvadas, nacidas de nuevo y miembros de la iglesia, sino también para que a través de nuestras vidas se cumplan los propósitos de Dios para la iglesia, la comunidad y el país donde vivimos.

Según leemos, Aman quien era el segundo del rey, era enemigo de los judíos y planeó destruirlos (Ester 3:8,9). De este hecho surgen varias cosas en las que les invito meditar.

- Ester se dio cuenta de la situación (Ester 4:7,8). Cada uno de nosotros debe estar al tanto de las necesidades, de lo que esta pasando a nuestro alrededor, lo que Dios quiere hacer y como podemos tomar parte en ello.
- Ester mostró la disposición necesaria de ayudar y hacer algo en favor de los judíos, quienes estaban amenazados (Ester 4:15,16). Esta misma disposición necesitamos tener para servir al Señor en aquello que sea necesario y especialmente en traer cambios a nuestro entorno.
- Ester supo que si ella no hacía algo, respuesta vendría de otra parte para salvar a los judíos, pero ella no tendría participación en aquella victoria (Ester 4:13,14), e incluso hasta su condición de reina peligraba. En mi vida he aprendido que si nosotros no hacemos lo que tenemos que hacer, otros lo harán, pero también he visto que así mismo se pierde la bendición por no haber participado en aquello para lo cual Dios nos estaba llamando.

Ester decidió correr el riesgo de perder su vida (Ester 4:11,16), cuando Mardoqueo le pidió que interviniera ante el rey por los judíos (Ester 5:1-3). Ella dijo: *"...ayunad por mi, y no comáis ni bebáis en tres días, noche y día; yo también con mis doncellas ayunaré igualmente, y entonces entraré a ver al rey, aunque no sea conforme a la ley; y si perezco, que perezca."*

Cuando Ester se atreve a ver al rey sin ser el tiempo de tener una audiencia con él, notamos en ello un atrevimiento, pero no un atrevimiento temerario, es decir de forma imprudente, sino un atrevimiento basado en la fe y el poder de Dios; además sabía que contaba con el apoyo de los demás. Así nosotros debemos dar pasos de fe, atrevidos, fundamentados en la voluntad de Dios. De ahí que debemos estar activos llevando hacia adelante nuestra tarea con fe y a pesar de los obstáculos que se levantan; también reconociendo la importante de que nos respaldemos mutuamente en oración los unos por los otros.

Ester reconoció el papel importante que juega la oración y el ayuno (Ester 4:16). Sin oración e intimidad con Dios no podremos ser efectivos; tampoco podremos ser ejemplos, ni instrumentos de influencia, ni como administradores de la tarea que se nos ha encomendado. Sin oración no podremos esperar resultados. Este debe ser un año de oración e intercesión.

El respaldo que nos demos mutuamente y que aportemos a nuestros compañeros de liderazgo, a nuestros pastores y líderes en general, es sumamente valioso. Es completamente necesario que lo hagamos en la oración, la comunicación unos con otros y el servicio mutuo (Ester 4:16,17). Creo que este es un tiempo donde nos necesitamos unos a otros más que nunca. Rompamos con la independencia y la autosuficiencia y busquémonos unos a otros para ayudarnos y trabajar unidos. La reina Ester se humilló y reconoció su posición en un momento crucial para el pueblo de Dios como era ese.

La intervención de Dios es clara en la vida de la reina Ester y en el proceso de cómo el pueblo judío es protegido (Ester 6:1-3). Una cosa que debe llenarnos de ánimo es ver la providencia de Dios en lo que hacemos. En nuestra vida y trabajo para Dios, no podemos poner en un calendario y programa exactamente todo lo que va a suceder con los resultados precisos. Pero si hacemos las cosas bien, y nos esforzamos con dedicación en la manera en que usted y yo actuemos, Dios va a intervenir en lo que sea necesario, en lo que necesite de la guía y dirección de El; en aquello que requiera la manifestación de Su poder en la realización de milagros, especialmente cuando estamos limitados en lo que podemos hacer o actuar. Por lo tanto espere siempre un milagro y la intervención de Dios mientras realiza su trabajo y le sirve a El.

La obediencia de la reina Ester en responder al llamado del Señor y cumplir su papel de instrumento en aquel acontecimiento produjo muchos y grandes resultados. la siguiente es una pequeña lista de cosas que podemos notar como resultados.

- Ganaron la batalla y los enemigos fueron vencidos. 7:6, 9, 10; 9:5
- Las pertenencias del enemigo fueron dadas a Mardoqueo. 8:1,2
- Mardoqueo es honrado y levantado como segundo en el reino después del rey. 8:2,15; 9:4; 10:23
- El pueblo de Dios alcanzó la victoria y gozo. 8:15,17
- Muchos se convirtieron al judaísmo. 8:17
- El pueblo fue levantado y honrado. 8:17; 9:2

Piense en los resultados que logrará si usted obedece al Señor y toma su posición en este año 2010. Hónrale y le sírvele efectivamente en aquello a lo que El te ha llamado a hacer. Sabe usted lo que quiere? Sabe lo que Dios quiere de usted? Cuál es tu posición en los planes y propósitos de Dios? estas son respuestas que usted debe encontrar.

OUR POSITION IN THE YEAR 2010

Taking the example of Queen Esther is valuable in this part of a new year, as it gives guidelines for a child of God who takes his or her position and becomes effective in the hands of God. No matter how big or small what you are doing for God is, you carry it out because you are responding to a call of the Lord:

a. Invest and use your talents. Matthew 25:14-16
b. Fulfill your role within the body of Christ. Romans 12:4-6
c. Ministering the gift that God has given to you. 1 Peter 4:10
d. Build the church with your gifts. 1 Corinthians 14:12

Thus the Lord's work will remain in motion, growing, building and fulfilling your mission towards God and the world. Queen Esther took this position and stood in the center of the will of God, actively participating in God's plan for His people.

According to the story as we read in the book of Esther, she was elected queen instead of Vashti (Esther 2:17), but when you continue reading the next chapters in the book of Esther, you can notice the purposes for which she was elected queen. If we take the example of Queen Esther in the light of our lives, we understand that we are here not only as people saved, born again, church members, but also that through our lives God's purposes for the church, the community and the country where we live are fulfilled.

As we read, Haman, who was the second after the king, was an enemy of the Jews and planned to destroy them (Esther 3:8, 9). Let's meditate on several things that arise from this fact.

- Esther realized about the situation (Esther 4:7, 8). Each of us must be aware of the needs around us, what God wants to do, and how we can take part in it.
- Esther showed the necessary willingness to help and do something for the Jews, who were threatened (Esther 4:15, 16), the same willingness we need to show in serving the Lord in what is necessary and especially in bringing changes to our surrounding areas.
- Esther knew that if she did not do something, the answer would come from elsewhere to save Jews, but she would not share in that victory (Esther 4:13, 14), and would even endanger her status as queen. In my life I have learned that if we do not do what we must do, others will, but I've also seen that this same blessing is lost by not having participated in that for which God was calling us.

Esther decided to take the risk of losing her life (Esther 4:11, 16) when Mordecai asked her to intervene before the king for the Jews (Esther 5:1-3). She said: *"... Fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."*

When Esther dares to see the king without permission to have an audience with him, we see this as a bold but not reckless daring; that *was* reckless, but her boldness was based on faith and the power of God; she also knew she had the support of others. So we must take steps of faith and daring, based on the will of God. Hence, we must be active, carrying forward our tasks in faith despite the obstacles that stand against us and recognizing the importance of supporting one another by praying for one another.

Esther recognized the important role of prayer and fasting (Esther 4:16). Without prayer and intimacy with God we cannot be effective, nor can we be examples or instruments of influence or administrators of the task entrusted to us. Without prayer we cannot expect results. This should be a year of prayer and intercession.

The support we give each other and provide to our pastors and leaders in general is extremely valuable. It is absolutely necessary that we do so in prayer, communicating with each other, and mutual service (Esther 4:16-17). I think this is a time when we need each other more than ever. Let us break with independence and self-reliance, and let's seek each other to help each other and work together. Queen Esther humbled herself and acknowledged her position at a crucial time for the people of God.

The intervention of God is clear in the life of Queen Esther and in the process of how He protected the Jewish people (Esther 6:1-3). One thing that should fill us with courage is to see God's providence in what we do. In our life and work for God, we cannot put a timetable and program exactly what will happen with accurate results. But if we do things well and strive with dedication in the way you and I act, God will intervene as necessary. We need guidance and direction from Him, in the events that require His power in the working of miracles, especially when we're limited in what we do or act. So always expect a miracle and God's intervention while performing his work and serving Him.

The obedience of Queen Esther to respond to God's call and fulfill her role as an instrument in that event produced many great results. The following is a brief list of things we notice as outcomes:

- They won the battle, and their enemies were defeated (Esther 7:6, 9, 10, 9:5).
- The enemy's belongings were given to Mordecai (Esther 8:1, 2).
- Mordecai was honored and lifted to the second most powerful position in the kingdom after the king (Esther 8:2, 15, 9:4, 10:23).
- God's people achieved victory and joy (Esther 8:15, 17).
- Many were converted to Judaism (Esther 8:17).
- The people of God were raised and honored (Esther 8:17; 9:2).

Think of the results achieved if you obey the Lord and take His position in this year 2010. Honor and serve Him in an effective way in what He has called you to do. Do you know what you want? Do you know what God wants from you? What is your position on the plans and purposes of God? These are answers you must find.

Take your position in knowing what is happening around you and what you have to do. Be willing to do something that God is showing to you. Do your part and do not wait for others before you start doing what God wants you to do. Believe in Him, expect miracles, and pray, pray, and pray. He will be manifesting His power. Take your position!

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Went to heaven on Nov. 8, '09

Where Are They Now...?

Ted and Patricia Johnson

Holmes Bible College has been the place where hundreds of couples have met for the first time and eventually married. Such was the case with Ted and Pat Johnson.

Ted (Theodore) was saved in a revival meeting conducted by **Rev. Conrad Hall** in Abbottsburg, NC, in 1950. After his graduation from high school in 1956, he continued his studies at Presbyterian Jr. College, Appalachian State, and Wake Forest Universities before going to Holmes. Pat (Patricia) was also saved in 1950 and joined the Christianburg PH Church in the Appalachian Conference. Though miles apart, God brought them together at Holmes, and they were married on August 17, 1963.

Ted join the Virginia Conference (now Appalachian) in 1964, was nassigned his first pastorate in 1966, and was ordained in 1967. They pastored for almost 18 years, including about 2 years in Hawaii. Along the way, God gave them three wonderful children - Kimberly, Samuel and Heidi. In 1995 they moved their ministerial membership to the NC Conference, where Pat was ordained in 2000.

Rev. Johnson officially retired in 2005 but continued to teach at Southeastern Community College for three more years. Mrs. Johnson continues to teach. They attend the Highest Praise PH Church in Whiteville, where they make their home.

THE 2009 CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

There were 112 retired ministers, spouses, and friends attending the 2009 Christmas Luncheon this year. If you did not attend, you were greatly missed! We had a great time of worship, fellowship, and fun with Mr. Freddie Pierce and his puppet friends, whose entertainment we all enjoyed.

Our conference first lady, Mrs. Reginia Whitfield, blessed us with a wonderful devotional, and Rev. Roland and Phyllis Harrell were at their best in bringing special music and leading our seniors in beautiful Christmas songs. It was an enjoyable time of fellowship.

Another year has come and gone, and we have entered into a new year. As aways, we do not know what 2010 will bring... we hope good things, but whether good or otherwise, you will always have reason to realize that...

You Are So Blessed!

If you woke up this morning
with more health than illness,
you are more blessed than the
millions who won't survive the week.

If you have never experienced the
danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment,
the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation,
you are ahead of 20 million people around the world.

If you attend a church meeting
without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death,
you are more blessed than almost
three billion people in the world.

If you have food in your refrigerator,
clothes on your back, a roof over your head
and a place to sleep, you
are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank,
in your wallet, and spare change
in a dish someplace, you are among
the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you hold up your head with a smile
on your face and are truly thankful,
you are blessed because the majority can,
but most do not.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them
or even touch them on the shoulder,
you are blessed because you can
offer God's healing touch.

If you can read these words,
you are more blessed than
over two million people in the world
who cannot read anything at all.

You are so blessed in ways
you may never even know.
If you are feeling blessed, first thank God,
and then repay the blessings bestowed on you
and do something for others.

Blessings on you and yours in the new year! – wt & jmc

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

Update on New Church Plant

THE AWAKENING PH CHURCH

The building of The Awakening Church began with much prayer and seeking after what the Lord would have us do. The vision of the church was given to my wife and me in the beginning of 2008. The Lord began to stir desires within us to begin the journey of a church plant. We wrestled with the vision for a while and even tried to give it back to the Lord a time or two. Was this really what He wanted for us? Did He really think we had the time and means to take on such an enormous responsibility? We decided to keep praying about it, but really I was trying to put the idea out of my head. That same evening, however, we received confirmation from the Lord Himself. The phone rang that evening, and the gentleman on the other end wanted to know when we were planning to start our church. Well, that's when we decided to begin preparing for this venture. You know a vision is from the Lord when you let go of it but it won't let go of you.

The next step for us was to get more educated on the process of planting a church. We began seeking wisdom in this area as well as taking church planting classes. The Lord gave us the name of the church—The Awakening—because He knew we wanted to awaken new life in His people. Luke 9:32 says, *"But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep:* ***and when they were (fully) awake, they saw His glory****..."* We want to show individuals *something different, and something real.*

Our goal was to have 25 team members to set out on this journey. The Lord began speaking the vision to several different individuals who in turn began praying and seeking Him for direction. We began having weekly meetings to gain wisdom from one another and get the preparations under way. We needed a place to meet, lots of equipment, and more help! The enemy began stacking obstacles up against us: zoning requirements, deaths, job losses, and even fire. However, the harder he fought us, the more God blessed us. After speaking with Mr. Buffalo at the Howell Theatre, we decided to rent the theatre for our services.

God began really opening doors at this point and putting people together with expertise in collaborating on what we needed for our services to be a success. Even now the leadership team God is continuing to build has so many great spiritual gifts, some which have not even been fully discovered yet. With these individuals at our side, we set out to let people in the community know about The Awakening Church. We hit the streets with flyers and huge smiles! We passed out water bottles at Health Quest and at the new Aquatics Center in Smithfield. We hung our banner and began spreading the word at the local parks.

All of this was leading up to our Grand Opening service, which was October 4, 2009. We opened our doors to 104 people on this day. With orange-vested parking lot attendants, door greeters, warm smiles at our welcome center, and three children's classes available, we were ready for God to move in a great way. And He did! God touched the lives of every person in that theatre. God put together an amazing team with one common goal: to lead His people back to Him.

Lots of help came from area churches. Many thanks and blessings go out to Pine Level PH Church for their generous donations, as well as Whitley Church, The Bridge, Hope Church, Taylor's Chapel, Bethel PH Church, and many others. We would also like to thank the IPHC for wisdom, direction, and support throughout this time. You are all a tremendous blessing to us!

Rev. Allen Peacock
Founding Pastor, The Awakening

Spotlight on Home Missions

BIZZELL GROVE PH CHURCH

Our command is simply to go. When our Lord was talking to His disciples in Mark 16:15, He gave them the Great Commission, which was supposed to be the foundation of every aspect in their lives. The church should be actively involved with furthering the Gospel, not only in our own communities, but also assisting others in reaching the lost in their backyards as well. I see this as the driving point in Missions support as we are to assist and support ministers of the Gospel to reach out to every part of the world.

One afternoon as I was reading and studying, my spirit was stirred about Missions. I began to listen to the Lord and discuss in my heart about having a church Missions trip in 2009. However, the stirring was not for Missions on foreign soil, but here in the U.S. and more specifically in North Carolina. It was my desire to locate a smaller church that had a vision for lost souls and wanted to do something for the Kingdom of God. I contacted Rev. Danny Nelson, and he put me in contact with Rev. Shawn Carrow at the Boardman PH Church outside Lumberton. I contacted Pastor Shawn to inform him what the Lord had placed on my heart. He shared with me how he desired some things to be done at the church that would allow ministry to the younger couples and their children at Boardman. I became aware that things were beginning to happen at Boardman as people were being touched by the Lord. They needed to be able to minister to the children in the nursery so that parents would be comfortable in

worship, knowing that their children were safe. Pastor Shawn informed me that his desire was to upgrade their nursery and to have a fence built outside the nursery door for a play set so that the children would be safe. Bizzell Grove had a benefit singing with the Harvest Boys. We raised enough to purchase the fence and cement for the project. The date was set for October 24, and the Boardman Missions Project was under way.

It was a joy to work with Pastor Shawn and the group from Bizzell Grove. In completing this project, our desire was to assist one of our partners in the field so that they would have the facilities to be able to minister the Gospel to those in their community.

Rev. Marcus Riggs
Pastor, Bizzell Grove

Church Missions Trip to Cuba

GOSPEL TABERNACLE HISPANIC PH CHURCH

Methodist Church of the Vedado in Havana. Membership is almost 2,000.

We would like to share with you, as a testimony, the beautiful things God did during our stay in the beautiful island of Cuba.

The city of Havana, with a beautiful colonial infrastructure, has been one of the most beautiful places that God has allowed us to know. The people there have hearts full of hopes and dreams. It's a city of God, with people who are enjoying a sudden outburst of revival that has never been there before. However, as we returned home, our spirits were heavy with the way the government manipulates and controls the Cuban community. With negative responses to each of the proposals from the church for evangelism, training, events, infrastructure improvements, growth, etc., the gospel churches and the same brothers in Christ vanish because they live immersed in a mantle of expectations that the government and its leaders have put upon them. You cannot preach the gospel in the open; the pastors' sermons for each service are highly controlled in secret, support and growth plans are thwarted by a government because they're against the growth of the church of Christ. It could represent a great threat and risk, which the government doesn't want.

The church of Christ in Cuba is a church that is brave, hopeful, and strengthened in Him who gives us the victory. It's a very dynamic church that, despite socioeconomic adversity, always devises ways to accomplish their work. It's a church that strives even with oppression and manipulation that is put upon them, and we give glory to God for that!

Our work was done under the same context, with tight restrictions and setbacks at the last minute by the authorities, but again, we came out victorious, and for that we praise the Lord, for He covered us with His power and glory in such a difficult situation. Our brothers in Cuba have already extended an invitation to us to return next year and follow up with the work that has already begun, to continue to evangelize people who still do not know the truth, and give them the encouragement and training necessary in the field of leadership and of praise & worship toward the King of kings and Lord of lords!

During our stay, we also met with Sister Beatriz Lopez, vice president of the IPHC in Cuba, and we gave her the contributions that had been donated toward the purchase of four bicycles. These bikes will shorten the waiting list of 18 pastors from all over the island who are waiting for this blessing, who still have no means of transportation to carry out their pastoral duties. Now four pastors have the necessary equipment to move up and around, which makes it more efficient and easy for them to carry out their visitation and evangelization of the people. Two of these pastors who were blessed are Pastors Jorge and Michael (see below), who both serve the Lord in two churches of the IPHC in Havana. The other two bikes will be delivered by Sister Beatriz this week throughout the country's east side. Praise God for this!

At the end, we are very thankful for the things God did in these days, where we could verify that His powerful hand guided us in each decision that we took and in each place we moved to. I want you to know that the enemy was very angry with our presence in Cuba. He managed to bring me to a halt for a few hours. We were watched by spies all the time during our stay. We were controlled by the government in every moment, but the power of God, through your prayers, was with us at all times.

Eduardo and Kathya González

Praying for our church in Cancun, Mexico

Praying for pastors of the Methodist church.

Sister Beatriz, Pastor Michael & Abdias, sister Beatriz' son

Brothers Jorge & Michael, IPHC pastors in Havana. They received funds to purchase bicycles for their ministry.

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Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

What Is Discipleship Ministries?

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed a blessed Christmas season and are well-rested and ready to take on the tasks that the Lord has set before us for 2010!

As you may be aware, at our last General Conference in July, there were many "terminology" changes. One of these changes was the change from Church Education Ministries to Discipleship Ministries. Here in the NC Conference, we are following suit and changing our name to Discipleship Ministries. At this time, it will mainly be a name change only. At the next Quadrennial Conference in August 2010, the conference will be responsible for choosing whether or not to add Men's, Women's, and Girls' Ministries to the Discipleship Ministries Department. For now, they will remain as they are.

During this transition period, you may still see the name Church Education Ministries in some of your correspondence. Don't be confused or alarmed. It will take time to complete the transition. Please be aware that eventually, our Web address will change as well. For the time being, we can still be found at www.nccem.net. When the change is complete, be assured that we will let you know.

George Barna says, "Evangelism without Discipleship is spiritual abuse." We in the NC Conference Discipleship Ministries Department believe that to be true, and so we are excited to be partnering with the NC Conference Evangelism Department to present you with a special event this spring. Instead of having our annual CEM Convention, on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13, 2010, these two departments will be co-sponsoring a special event called REACH 2010.

If you have listened to many missionaries, you may be aware that there are 6,648 unreached people groups in the world today. That amounts to approximately 2.75 billion people who have never even heard of the name of Jesus. Sadly, most of us will never get the opportunity to take the Gospel to them. But did you know that in our own country, there is a group of 1.8 million people who are just as desperately in need of Jesus? Who are they? The Muslims.

Please come join us for REACH 2010. More information is available on the ad below, or you may call our office at 910-980-1162 and speak to Nicole or Sarah. We hope to see you there!

REACH Conference

March 12-13, 2010
Falcon, NC

Reaching the Muslim World for Christ!

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Saturday: 9:00am-12:30pm

Cost:	Early Bird (by 2/12)	After 2/12
Whole Conf.	$25	$30
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Brochures will be mailed soon. Please register by using the form on the brochure, or by calling Nicole at the Conference office. Pre-registration is encouraged for this event.

(CEU's will be available for this event)

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2010 Bible Quest Schedule

Saturday, January 9, 2010
BQ Practice #1 – Location TBA

Saturday, February 6, 2010
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Saturday, March 27, 2010
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Saturday, April 3, 2010
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If you have questions, please contact the Discipleship Ministries office @910.980.1162

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A Conference and Family Tribute to

OUR POSTER RETIRED MINISTERS FOR 2010

Rev. Raymond and Shirley Potter

by Debbie Potter Martin

When asked to write a synopsis of the lives of my parents, my only concern was how I could tell of all their achievements and influence on so many people in just a few words.

Raymond Potter was born in Kinston, North Carolina, on December 18, 1928, to Mark and Hannah Potter. He was the second of six boys. The family moved to New Bern, where he grew up and attended school. I've often sat and listened to my daddy tell of how his mother raised all six boys practically by herself, praying to her loving God to make something out of them.

Shirley Mae Austin was born in Washington, North Carolina, on October 17, 1930, to Bill and Lola Austin. She grew up in the Baptist Church and attended Washington High School. At the age of 19, she met my dad, and in July 1950 married him and embarked on a journey few have the stamina for – the role of a preacher's wife. She proved to be an anchor in my father's life and ministry, his helpmeet, lending strength in time of struggle. Two people, born into such simplicity and anonymity, were somehow directed by God to find each other and live to influence and change the world around them for the better.

Together, they were gifted with four children: two boys, Steve and Berry, and two girls, Debbie and Sandi. I can't tell you that our lives were without the friction all families face. It was there. Sometimes I wondered how my parents held it all together. But they did. And because of it all, we grew up with a sound knowledge of the love of God, His mercy and grace.

Raymond and Shirley pastored many churches which grew during their ministry and gained a strong outreach within the communities: Roper, St. Pauls, Wallace, Gospel Tabernacle in Dunn, Tarboro First, and the First Church in Goldsboro. They built congregations, bonding with the church members, serving the church in whatever capacity was needed. I've heard Mama talk of how, early in their ministry, she sat with her four children beside her on the pew, and Daddy would lead the singing, play the piano, and preach the sermon all on his own. I think Daddy's motto was, Whatever it takes! While pastoring Tarboro First and the First Church in Goldsboro, Daddy also served as North Carolina Conference secretary.

In the early 1980s, they left the pastorate to serve in the World Missions Department of the IPHC. They drove and flew many miles while ministering in numerous churches in the United States and on the mission fields of the world in the endeavor to support the missionaries serving our denomination. Mama traveled faithfully beside Daddy as they continued their ministry, many times leaving home on Sunday mornings before the sun rose to make it to the churches on time.

When Daddy decided to retire, my siblings and I held our collective breaths to see how he would handle the solitude and boredom many face upon their retirement. Next thing we knew, Daddy had enrolled in East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina, and earned his B.S. degree in Religious Studies. He flew through the program, made all A's, and graduated with honors in 2003, also receiving a standing ovation from the student body as he walked up to the platform to receive his diploma. He was 75. We were so proud, but ready for him to take a break and enjoy his retirement. He did for a short while, and then with the stubbornness and resolve we were all used to, he

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Jim & Regenia Whitfield

From the Bishop

THE CLOUD, THE CROWD, THE CONFERENCE

There is a powerful teaching that comes to us from an Old Testament setting. The context is that of Israel in the wilderness. They were journeying in an area where there were no roads, no tracks, and no prescribed way mapped out for them. God miraculously provided a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night so they could follow Him day or night. Scripture gives us insight as to the purpose of the cloud:

Exodus 13:21 "…to guide [lead] them on their way."
Deuteronomy 1:33 "…to search out places for them."
Psalms 105:39 "…for a covering [shelter]."
Psalms 78:14 "…to give them light for the way."
Exodus 40:38 "…It remained over the tabernacle day and night in the sight of all of Israel throughout all their journeys" (see also Numbers 14:14).

The presence of the cloud and the pillar gave *guidance*, *protection*, *instruction*, and *shelter* for all of Israel for all their journeys as they followed in obedience to its leading. That cloud led that crowd of approximately two million Israelites through a tough time. However, God did not lead them as He would have if there had been no resistance to His leading on their part. He will not lead where we will not follow. If the Lord of heaven could lead that crowd through a wilderness experience, surely He can lead the North Carolina Conference through the challenges of our times. All of Israel could see God's leading from the tent of the tabernacle. It was from that tent they received their awareness of God's leading.

I pray we as a conference, through this Easter season, will seek and find the guidance of our living Lord for this season of our lives. He has promised not to leave us or to lose us. May we move forward with the assurance that He is leading and guiding. With Israel, God offered guidance to every tribe and to every tent of every family. For us, He promises guidance for every church and every family in every church. May the Holy Spirit help us follow Him in all His leading as we do our part to fulfill the Great Commission.

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Rev. Jesse Horne	April 8
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Reverend Richard and Jean Parson

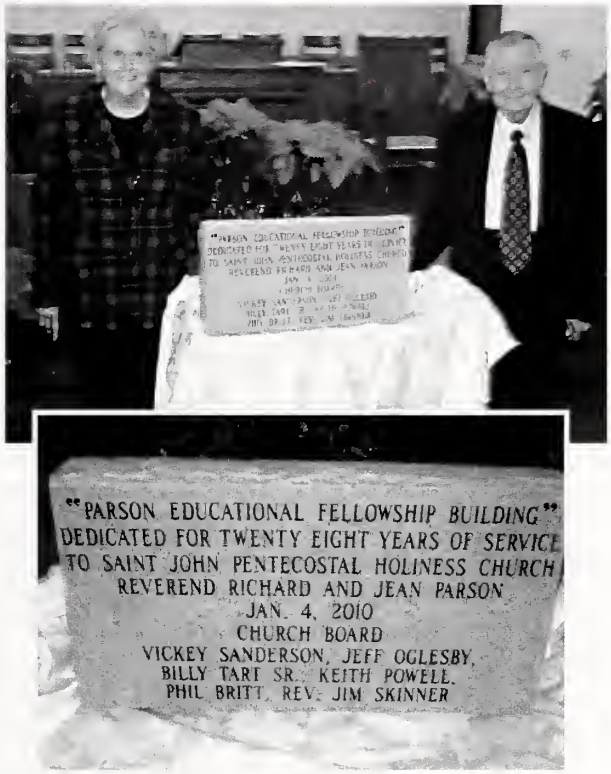
Richard Parson is from Beaufort County, North Carolina. He was one of nine children born to the Reverend Alex and Susan Parson. Raised on a farm, Richard learned the meaning of hard work. His parents were great motivators in educating him in the fine art of labor. His dad, Alex, turned out to be the single most important influence on his life. Family Bible reading and prayer deeply touched the heart of Richard's soul. Early on, Richard was active in the Friendship Pentecostal Holiness Church of Aurora, N.C. He was saved at the age of 16 in a tent meeting conducted by the Reverend Vernon Clark. He went to Holmes College, but his enrollment was cut short when he was drafted into the United States Army. After his time in the military, he returned home and went to work for Sears Department Store. But little did he know at the time that God had a special work and a special lady waiting for him in the near future.

That lady was Jean Mitchell. She was one of seven children born into the family of a textile worker. Her parents were the late Thomas and Katie Mitchell of Selma, N.C. Early in life, Jean fell under the influence of her praying mother, who encouraged her in the Lord and in her interest of music. At the young age of five, Jean began to play the piano. Mrs. Earline VanRoekel, the organist of the Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church, became her mentor. At age 16, in a preaching service led by the bicycle rider preacher, the Reverend W. J. Nash, Jean gave her heart to the Lord. While she was a member of the Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church, God sent special people into her life like Mrs. Pearl McRoy, Reverend and Mrs. V. W. Callahan, Henry and Tempie Rivenbark, and Johnnie and Earline VanRoekel. They inspired Jean in her Christian walk and what would later become her main ministry: music.

While attending a function in Falcon, Richard and Jean were formally introduced to each other by a young missionary couple, Jettie and Susan Parker. On June 25, 1955, they were married and began a journey together. Neither had any idea of where God would lead them. From time to time, Richard thought about the call to ministry, but it was not until one Sunday night in 1968, while the Rev T. O. Todd was preaching, that God made his calling clear. It was then, too, that Jean found out she had married a preacher! For the next five years, Reverend Parson filled the pulpits of Calypso, Warrenton, and Sharon churches.

Upon the resignation of Reverend Ezra Fann, Conference Superintendent J. Doner Lee asked the Parsons to fill in at Saint John Pentecostal Holiness Church until the end of the year. The end of the year never came, and one year grew to 28 years of faithful and blessed service. From a meager beginning of fewer than 20 members, Brother and Sister Parson, along with their daughter, Ginger, made it a ministry of love. Brother Parson says he remembers his first impression of this group. He said, "They may have been few in number, but they were willing to work!" The Parsons invested their lives into these families, and God brought forth the increase. The Lord sent many, many very special and gifted people who were instrumental in the growth and success of the Saint John church.

On January 3, 2010, Saint John Pentecostal Holiness Church honored its longest serving pastoral team, Reverend Richard and Jean Parson, by naming the new educational fellowship building built during their tenure the Parson Educational Fellowship Building. A stone monument will be inserted into the wall by the front door to honor their 28 years of faithful, dedicated service.



During those 28 years, Brother Parson became known as the preacher-teacher. His emphasis was always on the church family. His faithfulness and consistency were staples of his ministry. Reverend Parson could always be counted on to be there. One service was held in a snow and ice storm with a congregation of one. Pastor Parson preached through health and sickness and was an example of what it means to be instant in season and out of season. His vision for the church, then and now, is for God's children to get what they need and for the church family to grow. While pastoring, Brother Parson also worked at Sears Department Store and trained to be a piano technician.

Mrs. Parson became an indispensable part of the Saint John Music Department and a mother to all in the church. Loved by the children and cherished by the adults, she was known for getting people involved and getting things done. When she approached a church member, they would automatically ask, "What do you want now?" They knew what was coming and did not have the heart to say no. Whether teaching, writing scripts for plays, or directing vacation Bible schools, Sister Parson used all her talent to do what she could. Mrs. Parson also worked full time at AT&T until she retired.

Brother and Sister Parson have been a model pastoral team. They have stood the test of time. Their works do follow them as they continue to be model Christians and a valuable and much-beloved part of the Saint John church family.

—Pastor Jim Skinner

Book Reviews

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If God Is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil

by Randy Alcorn. Colorado Springs, Colorado: Multnomah Books. 512 pages.

"Wimpy worldviews make wimpy Christians. And wimpy Christians won't survive the days ahead," wrote John Piper. If your faith proves to be false and unsubstantial in the furnaces, valleys, and storms of life, then losing your faith could be God's gift to you. "Token faith," according to Alcorn, "will not survive suffering, nor should it." The endurance of the saints requires genuine faith. Postmodern Christians may need to open their eyes and receive the divine imperative of examining their faith and determining its true mettle. After all, from all appearances, life on earth from here on out isn't going to get easier.

Suffering is not new to God. The enormity of sin and the story of human tragedy seem unending, but God has a greater plan. As the cross reveals, He hates sin and loves sinners. All sin is abominable in His eyes, yet He so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. The presence of evil does not deny the goodness of God. He understands and is touched by the feeling of our infirmity. The cross, then, is the triumph of justice and love.

The Bible teaches that God allows moral evil for His glory. His sin-marred creation operates according to His perfect divine will. Suffering, sicknesses, pain, hardships, and afflictions are all ultimately for God's glory. Even the devil is God's devil; he shall glorify the Lord in the end. While Hitchens' God is not great, the God of the Bible is great. "The Bible never shrinks God, but always magnifies Him."

Philosophers and theologians have pondered the question of whether or not there is a better way than this for God to run the world. Is this the best of possible worlds? If you could be God for a day, what would you do differently? Some have suggested that we mask ourselves with camouflaged pants and clean up the moral filth of the earth, making it presentable for Christ to return and take over. Others retort that the existence of evil, disease, and death proves that God does not exist, and if He does exist by chance, He is not infinite in moral goodness or in sovereign power. God's answer to the moral filth and the tragedies of life is nothing less than new heavens and a new earth!

Alcorn organized his book into 11 sections and skillfully addressed some of the difficult questions of theodicy and human suffering. His core belief is that God's Word is central to gaining an eternal perspective. He wrote, "We crave perspective for our minds and relief for our hearts in times of crisis." Suffering opens the heart and allows His Word an easier entrance.

Alcorn also addressed the various ways people cope with suffering and pain. For example, some choose to be stoic about it all and charge forward, taking whatever life gives. Others, as helpless victims, hope the pain will just go away. Others pray for healing; some are healed and eventually die, while others simply get sicker and die. How are we to cope when life doesn't work according to our plan? Why is it that the ungodly seem to prosper and the righteous suffer? Where is the "right" in all of that?

It's wonderful to know that we are not left with a "do the best you can" or "tie a knot at the end of the rope and hang on" type of strategy in attempting to cope with tragedy and the hardships of life. Denying the problem(s) and ignoring the consequence(s) don't solve anything. In addition, we cannot ignore our humanness. Sincerely admitting personal problems and negative feelings actually helps in the development of the believer. Genuine faith will be tested. Expect it. Learning to trust God is necessary Christian education. Remember that God never promises tomorrow's grace for today.

Alcorn refused to offer shrink-wrapped answers to life's problems and admits the book will not work magic or make your problems disappear, but if the readers can learn more about themselves and gain life-changing insights to share with others, then it will fulfill his purpose for writing it. Perhaps this is what the Apostle Peter had in mind when he wrote, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Why would such a person ask a believer for the reason of the hope in the first place? Could it be that the attitude (happiness, no fear or worry – 1 Peter 3:14, 15) of the believer and the effective strategies he or she would use in times of trouble and hardship cause the unbeliever to wonder what is the secret to this person's life? God needs people who will show others that they love and serve God not because it pays but because He is worthy of their wholehearted devotion. When everything appears hopeless, it isn't. There is a God, a kind, merciful, compassionate, powerful, all-knowing God, who comforts the downcast and dispenses grace daily to His children in abundance. Our problems offer no degrees of difficulty for Him!

People search for an authentic Christianity. It is not too much to conclude that in today's world of the maddening maze of things, opportunities shall abound to give an answer for the reason of the hope. Wimpy Christians with a false faith have no real answers. There are choices to be made. People who long to know a more excellent way of life, both now and forever, see hope in the hearts of those of a biblical worldview and a genuine Christian faith. Let's be ready to provide real answers to real problems, always!

If you enjoyed, *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn, then you will enjoy this book as well. Happy Reading!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things – that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."

(Titus 2:3-5)

The Bible is explicit that older women are to train younger women. Today we call this principle *mentoring*.

Mentoring is the passing down of knowledge and training from one who is more experienced to one who is less experienced. A mentor encourages and equips for excellence.

Multitudes of young women are looking for spiritually mature women to speak into their lives. They want someone to help them grow to become all that God intends them to be. Maybe you are that mentor who can help one less experienced. If so, ask God to bring the right young woman (or women) into your life.

Several weeks ago I was working at my local church, helping with our WM fundraiser. One of our college girls stopped by the church to "see" what was going on. I encouraged her to stay and help. She did and had a great time. Sometimes we only have to ask.

Let's be mentors who pass the torch to the next generation. We need them, and they need us.

In His Amazing Love,

"Mrs. Patsy"

Pray for these Upcoming Events:

The 2010 Leadership Seminar will be held at the Shiloh PH Church in Wilson on Saturday, May 1, with the theme "Compelled by Love." We had to reschedule due to the snow in January.

The NCWM Quadrennial Convention will be Saturday, June 5, in Falcon. Membership in the conference WM Business Session is composed of the following:

a. Conference WM director and board (past and present)

b. Conference GM coordinator (past and present)

c. Conference GM leadership team

d. District WM and GM directors

e. Appointed WM conference ministries coordinators

f. Local WM council officers and one elected delegate

g. Local GM coordinator and sponsors

h. General WM and GM officials (past and present)

i. When actively involved in a local WM group:

   1. wives and widows of PH ministers
   2. PH women ministers and PH women missionaries

j. Conference WM board shall determine the criteria for the local WM to send representation to the conference WM business session.

POTPOURRI...

- Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold.
- Heat up leftover pizza in a nonstick skillet on top of the stove; set heat to med.-low and heat till warm. This keeps the crust crispy. No soggy microwave pizza.
- When you buy a container of cake frosting from the store, whip it with your mixer for a few minutes. You can double it in size.

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Dealing with Pornography

About 80% of men today have some contact with pornography. Nate Larkin, the guest speaker at the Men's Ministries event during the 2009 General Conference, shared a powerful testimony about how he has dealt with pornography that inspired others to search their own hearts.

My question to you is, **"How are you dealing with it?"**

Recently I read an article about porn that inspired me to write this article. An emotional reality is that sometimes people get "love" and "sex" confused.

Sex is not like any other physical urge; it's not just "scratching an itch." Sex is the deepest and most intimate way to bond and to show love. This bonding is supposed to occur with the mate you chose, through marriage, to share the rest of your life with.

Sex is a total, physical giving of yourself to that person. That is why we read in Genesis 2:18-24, "For it is not good that man should be alone and therefore a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife so that they become one flesh."

In pornography, sex becomes perverted. It is taking instead of giving. It is one exposed flesh and a million clinging eyes. It is something that makes loneliness more desperate.

If that isn't damaging enough, porn also fosters casual sex. Casual sex is dangerous to your health and catastrophic to your ability to recognize real, godly love. It hurts both the people engaging in the act God set aside for marriage only.

"Hooking up" is what you do to connect two objects, like a trailer to a hitch, not two people. This slang term for sex is just one of many that degrade the intimate act that God meant to be one of mankind's most valuable, personal treasures.

I believe modesty should be honored and protected. It should not be legal to market and sell images of a person's unclothed body. Our society's decision to exploit nudity and perverse sexuality to amass wealth is a moral, cultural, and spiritual tragedy. Millions are hurt in numerous ways by this unholy practice.

The Bible teaches that we should not place a stumbling block in front of a blind person. Pitching porn as a "profitable" profession to poor and desperate women and then offering the tainted images to sexually obsessed men for a "reasonable" fee is an immense stumbling block that God condemns.

When people get involved with porn, they are just paving their road to hell. **Is it worth it?** Certainly not! Seek help today!

If you are struggling with this stronghold in your life, and don't know where to turn, contact me. Together we will find help for you. God is the Deliverer!

–Ronnie Basden

Men's Advance

September 17-18, 2010

Theme: A Band of Brothers • Guest Speaker: Nate Larkin

(Nate is a great man of God with a powerful testimony you don't want to miss!)

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"I PRAY, YOU PRAY, WE PRAY"

iWIN CONFERENCE 2009

The 2009 *i*WIN Conference was held on Friday night and Saturday, November 6-7, 2009, in Falcon. The theme for the conference was "I pray, You pray, We pray!"

It began with a powerful prayer service in the Octagon tabernacle, a place that is rich with spiritual history. It is there that men and women have gathered to seek God individually and corporately from the earliest days of our church. The word that stood out in this opening session was, "This place is a **foundation** for the outpouring of the Spirit." It stemmed from Acts 16:25, 26—"But at midnight, Paul and Silas were **praying** and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that **the foundations** of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed." From that point, Reverend Kathy Sandlin was used of the Holy Spirit to challenge each heart regarding prayer as **the foundation** for releasing the bondages of Satan and infusing the power of God. It began with this truth: "Prayer breaks through closed doors." It is the foundation through which chains fall off! God is looking for some postured intercessors. The power that has characterized our church is the result of those intercessors past and present who have continued to build a foundation of prayer. How marvelous to hear the tabernacle filled with voices indeed blending with the voices of years past, crying out for a fresh move of God! And, as always, God never disappoints.

The Saturday morning sessions began with praise and worship led by Rev. Jonathan Thompson and the praise team. Throughout the morning, the Holy Spirit stirred each heart through His Word.

In session 1, Sister Sandlin challenged us from Ecclesiastes 3:1 with the prophetic word of how "God is changing the seasons!" Very often that change requires a season of waiting. Prayer is foundational during the wait. We must keep fervent in prayer during the wait, not focused upon what we are going through, but on what we are waiting for.

In the second session, Reverend Sandlin spoke into our hearts about "praying through the warfare." When you are in a battle, prayer is foundational. It is both sustaining and supplying. It is sustaining in that it protects against the severe, stormy blasts, and it is supplying in that it nurtures all that God has poured into us.

In the final session, Sister Sandlin reminded us that we are to "pray in our worship." Worship is vital in intercession. The more David trained the people to worship, the more his geographical territory grew. In Leviticus 25, God instituted the "year of Jubilee." It was given so that the people would not have to stay in the same state all of their lives. That worship celebration called for the freeing of the slave, the restoring of inheritances, and the returning of wayward children. Praying in worship will move us into a higher level of spiritual victory.

The exciting time of study, worship, and fellowship concluded with sharing the "Lord's table" and the leadership team ministering to those who came forward for prayer. The spirit of God moved mightily, affirming His Word and His will in each life. It was a beautiful and powerful moment as intercessors stood before God's throne seeking His face and His Presence reminding us that the "prayer foundation" is still strong. When I pray, when you pray, and when we pray, surely the earth will be shaken, doors will be opened, and the chains that bind will be loosed, setting men and women free. God has said,

- When **I pray**: "As for me, I will call upon God, and the Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17).
- When **you pray**: "If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7).
- When **we pray**: "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:13, 14) .

—by Rev. Randal Strickland

September 2010 Altar Workers Training in Falcon
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Ministers' Wives Fellowship

Who hasn't had enough snow...? Hopefully by the time you read this, you will be getting ready for a forward thrust into spring! Spring is such a come-alive time and such a miracle each day.

As you begin your drive to work each day, I'm sure you observe the early morning drivers… all seem to indicate they have a destiny, a purpose, in being on the road. In fact, this purpose seems to be to press the accelerator… to that desired destination. You may also observe the early morning driving isn't like the Sunday afternoon casual drivers. There aren't many sightseeing drivers o n the road at that time of day. We all have it in the "drive" gear, going forward.

Each day God allows us to see another sunrise, we ask him to be at the controls of our heart, setting us on the road again to fulfill His purpose. Then all of a sudden, while you're in your forward gear in ministry, before you know it, you hit a pothole in the road and are thrown into a crushing, disturbing, and painful side-road experience. We become consumed with questions about our decisions and actions that brought us to this point. *Why did all this happen while I was in ministry... doing God's will?* And the pain becomes seemingly unbearable. All of us have been at these crossroads at one time or another.

The prophet Isaiah seems to give insight to our many "whys." Isaiah 28:28 – "Bread corn is bruised." Bread corn is valuable and priceless, but useless until it is bruised and crushed. This is a must before it is pliable and usable. This is its course when it comes into existence in order for it to fulfill its intended purpose. *If it is not bruised, it cannot be used.*

Though our role in the ministry is hard and difficult, and some experiences are even unwelcomed, God uses these moments, these trials, and these challenging crossroad experiences to enable us to become even more useful and productive in his kingdom. Only after the food was blessed and broken by Jesus was it sufficient to feed the multitude. This Word from the prophet may at times enter into the equation of many of our "why" questions.

God can and will bring spring… new life, new beginnings… even a resurrection into our lives as we allow Him to push our accelerator and enable us to arrive safely at our final destination, completing His purpose as we encourage others along the way, to allow Him to give purpose to their "drive" in life.

Be blessed and enjoy the journey… What a privilege!

—Regenia

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"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

Purpose and History of Archives

The purpose of our Archives is to keep the light of Christ shining through men and women in our history into people of today (our generation) and leaving an afterglow of His faithfulness as a heritage for generations yet to come.

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church Archives and Research Center is called to preserve historical records, to keep alive experiences, happenings, wisdom, and decisions of our church people. The purpose is practical because we make available this valuable information for use by church administrators, publishers, authors, scholars, students, and family members.

The children of Abraham were taught to say: "Our father was a wandering Aramean…" (Deut. 26:5).

This story was told for many years. But God commanded that the story be committed to writing. This helps explain why so many Christians journey to Israel: because there is a written account that has been preserved about the acts of God in the land of Abraham.

In Old Testament times and in the apostolic age, chosen servants were guided to reduce to writing and thus preserve in a permanent form God's word for the church. In due time the Jewish people lost not only their ark and their temple but also their land itself. Yet they preserved their heritage in sacred writings of the Law and the prophets.

For many years there have been people concerned about preserving our history. As far as is known, the first fruitful effort was the establishing of Archives at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia, by Miss Dorothy Poteat around 1960. These Archives still exist.

In 1964 Dr. Vinson Synan, Dorothy Poteat, James Butler, and Dr. Harold Paul were appointed as a Commission on History and Archives (*Advocate* 5-15-65). In 1982 Bishop Leon Stewart appointed Dr. Vinson Synan, Dr. Charles E. Jones (consultant), Mrs. Margaret Muse Oden, and Mrs. LaDonna Scott to discuss and establish an official Archives for the Pentecostal Holiness Church at the International Headquarters in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Muse Oden was appointed national archivist. Agnes Robinson and Doris Moore are among those who later made lasting contributions in this capacity.

In January 1983 the first step was taken through an open door of service, another arm of the church extended through which God's love flows. Policies and guidelines were written and approved by the General Board of Administration. Contacts were made which began the "collection of our people" to become the Archives that we share to the glory of God.

Keep in mind… "Archives is a collection of people." So much of our church history is written only in the hearts of those who lived it and were there when it happened.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

ESPOSAS DE MINISTROS

La Palabra de Dios dice, "Pagad a todos lo que debéis: al que honra, honra. (Romanos 13:7). La palabra *honra* en griego *time* tiene el significado de valoración. Es un honor y estima que se demuestra hacia la persona que la debe recibir. Bien, voy a mencionar un grupo de hermanas que merecen honor y estima, por lo que son y el papel que desempeñan en la vida; me refiero a las esposas de los ministros. En muchos de los casos son mujeres que no realizan grandes actividades como para ser vistas o llegar a tener una personalidad completamente pública. Claro que hay esposas de ministros que por su llamado al ministerio, los dones que han recibido y la oportunidad de haberse capacitado son grandes predicadoras de la Palabra de Dios, sin embargo hablando de su papel como esposas de ministros, desempeñan una función vital en el desarrollo y crecimiento de la iglesia y sobre todo en la vida del ministro y del ministerio que ambos están llevando a cabo.

Las esposas de ministros realizan una labor que en muchos de los casos es silenciosa, es decir no compite con la gran cantidad de voces y activismo que se evidencia en el ámbito ministerial y de la iglesia, pero aun cuando mucha de la labor de estas mujeres se lleva a cabo bajo el desconocimiento de la gente, las funciones de ellas son vitales y los resultados de sus obras hablan mucho más de lo que se les puede ver haciendo.

Como resultado de la observación y la experiencia, puedo mencionar que los roles que una esposa de ministro desempeña, son determinantes en el éxito del ministerio, la vida de la familia ministerial y de la congregación misma o la gente que esa familia ministerial este alcanzando o tocando con su influencia. Es digno mencionar algunas cualidades maravillosas que se han visto en estas mujeres y que inspiran gratitud y alabanza al Señor.

1. La capacidad que estas mujeres tienen para desarrollar una gracia y paciencia a fin de proveer ánimo y crear una atmósfera positiva en su casa, donde los golpes del desaliento, la tensión, presión y preocupaciones de la obra son ahogados y suavizados con buenas palabras, una actitud positiva y una fe extraordinaria. El esposo encuentra en ella, una fuente preciosa de inspiración y valor.
2. La vida de oración en la que ellas invierten su tiempo y esfuerzo, se convierte en una plataforma de milagros para su propio cónyuge, sus hijos y aquellas personas que son ministradas por ellos. A veces uno no lo percibe, pero las constantes, incansables y poderosas oraciones de estas mujeres, producen grandes avances y cambios en la obra del Señor.
3. La capacidad que tienen de poner sobre sus propias cargas (Gálatas 6:2) las otras cargas de las personas en su congregación, es algo digno de admirar. Muchos encuentran bendición tras bendición en las palabras, la sonrisa, la oración y los consejos de las esposas de los ministros.
4. La lista de cualidades de estas mujeres de Dios es muy larga, sin embargo deseo mencionar una más y es el rol fundamental que ellas desempeñan criando, cuidando y atendiendo a sus hijos, mientras infunden en ellos el temor, la pasión y dedicación a Dios; todo esto a pesar de las múltiples ocupaciones en las que las esposas de los ministros se involucran.

Estas grandes mujeres, llamadas esposas de ministros desempeñan un rol vital, son un regalo de Dios y una bendición para su esposo, el ministerio que desempeñan y la congregación que están dirigiendo. Es por que deseamos brindarles honor y estima.

En el ministerio hispano de nuestra Conferencia se ha creado el ministerio de las ESPOSAS DE MINISTROS. Ellas tuvieron su primera reunión el pasado 20 de marzo en Falcon en la que había 19 mujeres entre esposas de ministros y pastoras. La reunión fue motivadora y llena de expectativas acerca del futuro de este ministerio y de ellas como esposas de ministros. Como puede ver en las siguientes fotos, el entusiasmo era evidente.

El objetivo de este ministerio es proveer una oportunidad para que las esposas de ministros encuentren apoyo, fortaleza y comunión con otras mujeres en el

ministerio. También poder ayudar con recursos de apoyo como consejos, oración y orientación en situaciones especiales de la vida personal, la familia y el ministerio de cada una de ellas. Coordinar distintas áreas de trabajo y cuidado ministerial para ellas.

En la foto de abajo podrá notar las hermanas que componen el comité que se ha formado para dirigir este ministerio. Mirando de izquierda a derecha tenemos a las siguientes hermanas: Lilliana Avila, Marlene Vargas, Evelyn González, María Olivares y Noemí Suero.

COMITE DE HERMANAS

Deseo apelar a cada uno de los lectores, pidiendo sus oraciones por estas mujeres de Dios, y también su participación en lo que corresponda de su parte. Estamos seguros que este ministerio de esposa de ministros será de mucho provecho para todas nuestras hermanas. Expresemos a todas ellas nuestra estima y honor.

MINISTERS' WIVES

The Word of God says, "Render therefore to all their due: ...honor to whom honor" (Romans 13:7). The word *honor* in Greek *thime*, has the meaning of value. It is honor and esteem shown toward the person who should receive it. Well, I will mention a group of sisters who deserve honor and esteem because of who they are and their role in life; I mean the ministers' wives. In many cases they are women who are making great efforts not to be seen or to have a fully public personality. Of course there are ministers' wives who for their call to ministry have received gifts and opportunity to be trained and are great preachers of the Word of God; yet talking about their role as wives of ministers, they play a vital role in the development and growth of the church and especially in the life of the minister and the ministry that both are doing.

Ministers' wives are doing work that in many cases is silent; they do not compete with the many voices and activism evident at the ministerial level and the church, but even if much of the work of these women is carried out without other people's knowledge, their functions are vital, and the results of their works say much more than they can be seen doing.

As a result of observation and experience, I can mention that the roles a minister's wife plays are determinant in the success of the ministry, family life ministry, and the congregation itself or the people that the ministerial family is reaching with their influence. It is worthy to mention some wonderful qualities that have been seen in these women and to inspire gratitude and praise to the Lord.

1. The ability of these women to develop grace and patience in order to provide encouragement and create a positive atmosphere at home, where the blows of discouragement, stress, pressure, and concerns of the work are smoothed with fine words, a positive attitude, and an extraordinary faith. Her husband finds in her a precious source of inspiration and courage.
2. The life of prayer in which they invest their time and effort becomes a platform of miracles for their own spouse, children, and those who are ministered to by them. Sometimes one does not perceive, but the constant, relentless, and powerful prayers of these women produce major advances and changes in the work of the Lord.
3. The ability to add to their own burdens (Galatians 6:2) the loads of other people in their congregations is something to be admired. Many find blessing after blessing in the words, smiles, prayers, and counsel of ministers' wives.
4. The list of qualities of these women of God is very long; however, I want to mention one more, and that is the fundamental role played by them in raising, caring for, and attending their children while teaching them fear of, passion for, and dedication to God – all this despite the many occupations in which ministers' wives are involved.

These great women called ministers' wives play a vital role and are a gift from God and a blessing to their husbands, the ministry, and the congregations they are leading. That is why we want to give honor and esteem to them.

Hispanic Ministries in our conference has created the ministry of ministers' wives. They had their first meeting last March 20 at Falcon, at which there were 19 women among the ministers' wives and lady pastors. The meeting was motivating and full of expectations about the future of this ministry and of them as ministers' wives. As you can see in the inserted pictures, the enthusiasm was evident.

The purpose of this ministry is to provide an opportunity for ministers' wives to find support, strength, and fellowship with other women in ministry. This ministry exists also to help with support of resources such as advice, prayer, and guidance in situations of personal life, family, and ministry; and to coordinate different areas of ministerial work and care for them.

In the photo you can see the sisters who make up the committee that has been formed to lead this ministry; from left to right, Lilliana Avila, Marlene Vargas, Evelyn Gonzalez, Maria Olivares, and Noemi Suero.

I want to appeal to each reader, asking your prayers for these women of God and your support in any way you can help. We are sure that this ministry of ministers' wives will benefit all our sisters. We express all our appreciation and honor to them!

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Eva Bell Brown
January 30, 2010

Myrtle Marshburn
January 5, 2010

Gloria Dixon
November 30, 2009

Where Are They Now...?

Paul C. and Elaine Jackson

Known among us for the last few years as *"Action Jackson,"* Paul Jackson has distinguished himself as an outstanding pastor and evangelist in the North Carolina Conference. Paul joined the conference in 1961 and was assigned to the Raeford PH Church. From there he went on to pastor 8 more churches over a period of 26 years.

Paul was saved at age 13 in 1954 at the Free Gospel Tabernacle in Fayetteville, N.C. He joined the Mt. Carmel PH Church, where he met and later married Mary Elaine Trogdon on February 24, 1960. They became the parents of 4 children – **Franklin, Delaina, Dawn** and **Kevin**. Little Franklin died at birth. Their children have given them several grandchildren, whom they love and adore. Recently the Jacksons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

In 1987 Paul and Elaine felt led of the Lord to enter the field of evangelism, something they had contemplated for some time. It was a step of faith since there was no guarantee of financial support for him and his family. But evangelism burned in his bones, and with total dependance on God, they cut their ties to the pastoral ministry and launched out by faith.

Without question, evangelism was where Paul's ministry excelled. In 1988 he led a great revival in Dunn, N.C., with over 300 experiences. Actually, they lost count of the thousands that were blessed. Other notable revivals were held in Reelsboro with over 100 experiences; Columbia, S.C., where a large number of people were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Spirit; and a five-week revival in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., where countless souls were won to the Lord. There were many, many other successful soul-saving revivals held over his 21 years in evangelism.

Knowing his need for a better education, Paul enrolled at Grand Strand Cathedral Bible School and earned his B.A. and doctorate in Religious Education.

Acting on advice of his physician and after 46 years of very active, full-time ministry, Paul and Elaine decided to retire in 2007. The New Haven F.W.B. Church in the Greenville, N.C., area asked him to come and preach for them. He went there when only 30 or so were attending and now the attendance has increased to over 200.

Paul and Elaine live in their home in Greenville. Their retirement years are proving to be some of their most fruitful years, and they give praise to the Lord for His goodness to them.

Our Poster Retired Ministers for 2010

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soon enrolled in Liberty University to receive his master's degree in Religious Studies in 2009 at the age of 79, again graduating with honors. He still reads for hours, never tiring in his studies of the Bible, seeking to know more of his God and Savior.

Whenever we're in need, Daddy is there for us and for his neighbors and friends as well. When I think of my Heavenly Father, I see Him through my earthly father, who tells me that no matter how old he is or how old his children are, he never ceases to be a daddy. And my precious, silver-haired mother, who now walks more slowly and carefully, has given our family the love and nurturing of a godly woman.

We gather in their home when we can, the walls nearly bursting now with the addition of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and we look around at one another and tell ourselves we'll always have this. But the truth of the matter is that life is short and fragile, and God will one day call my parents to His home and their heavenly reward. I wonder how I will survive without daily calls to Mama and Daddy, and without their wisdom and guidance: wisdom and knowledge that have blessed so many people through the years.

Raymond and Shirley Potter are leaving a legacy, an inheritance far more precious than silver or gold. The world is not the same because of their living, and they will long be remembered in our hearts and minds as dedicated and unwavering servants of God!

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Retired Ministers

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May 3-5, 2010

(Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Special Speaker

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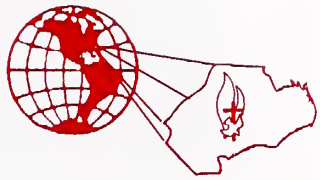

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

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April 12-22, 2010

"The Call to Winning Souls"

With Special Guest Speaker

Rev. Bob Ely

All rallies will begin at 7:00pm

Monday, April 12
Fayetteville/Clinton Districts
Stedman PH Church
432 Hillsboro St., Stedman

Tuesday, April 13
Lumberton/Wilmington Districts
Living Springs PH Church
923 South Poplar St., Elizabethtown

Thursday, April 15
Rocky Mt./Williamston Districts
Tarboro First PH Church
700 W. Howard Ave., Tarboro

Monday, April 19
Raleigh/Wilson Districts
Shiloh PH Church
5843 Shiloh Church Rd., Wilson

Tuesday, April 20
Greenville/Goldsboro Districts
Snow Hill PH Church
207 Eastover St., Snow Hill

Thursday, April 22
Morehead City/New Bern Districts
New Covenant PH Church
1212 Fulcher Lane, New Bern

PRAISE GOD FOR AN AWESOME YEAR FOR OUR GLOBAL OUTREACH OFFERING!! FINAL TOTAL RECEIVED BY THE N.C. CONFERENCE FOR 2009:

$306,507.68

2010 GLOBAL OUTREACH GOAL:

$320,000

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The annual Great Commission Meals have now been concluded with great success & excitement. We're officially in the Global Outreach promotion season until its conclusion with the G.O. Celebration service on Sunday, August 15th, 5:00 PM in the J. A. Culbreth Auditorium. The following schedule of monthly promotion is intended to assist pastors & Local Missions Directors, & is full of helpful notes, reminders, ideas & challenges to help your church and our Conference "Change Eternal Destinies". April-June is shared below; July-August will be shared in the next issue:

APRIL/MAY

- A sincere word of appreciation to the congregation for their 2009 participation & a challenge to "go to the next level" in G.O. investment for 2010.
- Is your church's Missions bulletin board display area and Missions promotional table up to date? We can help. Promotional items and missions materials are available from the Conference RDC.
- Explain the concept of "The Day's Wage" and the vital nature of Global Outreach. Be sure to use the coin tubes for your children.
- Use a local testimony, as to how Missions has been a blessing to the giver.
- **SET A GLOBAL OUTREACH GOAL FOR 2010!!**
- Consult the Local Missions Director Manual for promotional ideas (copies are available through our office).
- Involve/Include your children and youth. Educate them to Missions!!
- **"Pastor"- I** challenge you to allot your LMD 10-15 minutes for promotion of missions and G.O. once a month.

JUNE

- Have you set your **GOAL?**
- **Monthly promotion** – show the GO video. Use a local testimony as to how Missions has been a blessing to the giver.
- Pastor – you're the key! We need your support and encouragement.
- Remember, involve / include your youth and children! Have your adults and youth to present a skit to challenge your congregation. Make plans to bring your children/youth to the GO Celebration to present their coin tubes – children will have a special part in the service!
- **AIM** for 100% congregational participation in World Missions in awareness, prayer, and support.
- **Idea!** Use the "1 ÷ 8 x 8 = 1" formula: Take a Day's Wage—what you normally make in one day—and divide it by 8 to get ***ONE HOUR'S WAGE***. Then set aside one hour's wage ***ONCE A WEEK*** for eight weeks. At the conclusion of those 8 weeks, you will have your GO offering! The Conference promotional gift for "Day's Wagers" is a beautiful glass plate. The world is etched in the middle, & this year's theme & date are etched along the outside edges. Truly a unique collector's item that will compliment the Global Outreach mugs from years past nicely! Quantities are limited; call us to reserve your plates!
- We are now approximately 10 weeks from the GO celebration service.

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with Nelson Searcy

October 15-16, 2010
Falcon, NC

Nelson Searcy will be training on launching a new church, going to the next level in existing churches, assimilating new people, & igniting your present congregation!

NELSON SEARCY

- Spouse: Kelley
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Nelson Searcy is the founder and lead pastor of The Journey Church of the City, an innovative, multi-cultural church located in New York City. Founded in 2002, The Journey has grown to over 1,200 people in weekly attendance and more than 1,400 involved in weekly small groups during its first six years. A multi-site church with locations across the metro New York City, The Journey continues to grow, innovate and serve the people of NYC.

An experienced strategist, coach and speaker, Searcy serves as a regular consultant to churches across America. He is the author of dozens of articles and training resources on leadership, evangelism, church planting, and church growth. In addition, he is an author of many Christian books on church leadership and numerous resources for pastors and other church leaders. He is also the founder of Church Leader Insights, an organization that provides training and resources for pastors.

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Honors

- 2004 Purpose Driven Church Health Award
- 2008 Alumni of the Year - Gardner-Webb University
- 2006 Top 100 Fastest Growing Churches in the US (Outreach Magazine)
- 2007 Top 10 Most Innovative Churches in America (Outreach Magazine)

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Jon Oliver
Church Education Ministries Director

Recruiting His Hands and Feet: *Free Camp 2010*

For the last two years Greenville First Pentecostal Holiness Church has held an annual Free Camp to reach out to kids in their community. There are no requirements for the children, such as "low income" or "at risk." All children who don't know Christ are "at risk." The only requirements are a desire to go to camp and being between the ages of 10 and 12. Why are they doing this?

They are striving, along with many other churches across the U.S., to bring people to a saving knowledge of Christ… not just the poor, not just the troubled, not just the rich, but *all* people. They desire to break the racial, social, and economic lines that separate us so that they can be a body of and for all people.

The following is an interview with the camp directors, Mark and Dana Brown.

Interviewer: So why a "free" camp that isn't just for the underprivileged? Shouldn't the kids who can afford to pay, pay?

Mark: No. We want all of the kids to have the exact same experience as it pertains to entrance to the camp. We do not want there to be a separation of the ones who pay and the ones who don't. The children are not to bring any money to camp; everything they get is 100% provided for them, from snacks to craft projects, to Bibles and meals. We want to open the door for any child between the ages of 10 and 12 to come and have fun and fellowship for three days with other kids whom, on a regular day, they would not have met or even spoken to. All of the children can be on equal ground, just as God sees them.

Interviewer: And it's not a camp just for the churched or unchurched?

Dana: Nope. We believe that part of a child's Christian experience should be to interact with unbelievers. How are they ever going to win anyone to Christ if they never meet or spend time with an unbeliever? We accept children who are churched and unchurched from our community. When one child who doesn't know Christ has a question from the service, who better than a peer who knows Christ to answer him? And when a child who knows Christ sees that other children want to know Him, too, it is encouraging to them in their journey. We all need the opportunity to fulfill God's purpose for us. Not to mention the warm fuzzy I get when I see the kids praying for each other. I see Jesus shining through them.

Interviewer: What does your camp look like? What do you do?

Mark: The first day, we have icebreakers so the kids can get to know one another and their counselors a bit; then we go to the lake or auditorium for a short service. The next day is full of fun: horseback riding, sports activities, waterslides, games, devotions, and craft time. At night we have a worship service with a band. We have been blessed to have some awesome bands come beside us, December Worship and the Matt Bartlett Band. We also give the children focus material. Last year it was "God Sightings." They were supposed to notice nice things others did for them or someone else and write it down to be read later. The kids were going out of their way to do nice things for one another. So cool. They also get awards at the end, you know: "most helpful," "most team spirit," etc.

Interviewer: Have any of the kids accepted Christ as their Savior?

Dana: Yes. Many of them have. Last, year the volunteers were praying with many of the kids at the altar, and afterwards a little boy came to me with a huge smile; he had been going to church but never accepted Jesus. He said, "Ms. Dana, I prayed and accepted Jesus into my heart all by myself." I could have just squeezed him so hard! It is awesome to see God move in these kids' lives. All of them have a story. Some have parents in prison or are teased in school because they are not part of the popular crowd; some have been abused or have low self-esteem. There are things in this life that can easily lead us down roads we don't want to be on.. Jesus gives us the strength to overcome those things. It is not just the underprivileged who have a "story." We all have a story; we are all broken by sin in some way, shape, or form. But, God reaches us all right where we are, and to see these kids from all walks of life accept Him and invite Him into their hearts is just a powerful thing. It is so cool to witness a child that you thought would be hard to reach, open up and really allow God in. I pray that God gives us His eyes to see them as He sees them. Brings tears to my eyes right now.

Interviewer: Dana, why do you get so emotional when you talk about Free Camp?

Dana: My "story" is so full of gratefulness that just thinking about God doing the same thing He has done for me in someone else's life is just overwhelming. And the possibility of helping a child *not* go through the things I went through to find Jesus is even more so. I grew up in an upper-middle class family. I wasn't underprivileged by any means. However, I was never happy with myself; I had many self-esteem issues and sometimes felt as if no one loved me. My parents loved me, and Jesus loved me, of course, but the devil can blind us to so many things. Anyway, those feelings led me down some pretty dark roads in my life. Addictions, homelessness, prostitution, and prison were some of them. Some have a misconception that it is only kids in the projects who go down the roads I went down. The devil is trying to send us all on those roads. Jesus is the only One who can change our paths. I want to be sure to introduce Him to as many as I possibly can.

Interviewer: So, when is the next camp?

Mark: July 29-31, 2010, at Falcon's Camp Freedom.

Interviewer: What can the NC IPHC churches do to help?

Mark: Well, last year we had about 36 children, and we had help from a few other churches. This year, we are praying for 100 kids to come to camp, and we just don't have the manpower to accommodate that many kids. So what we want to do is partner, as one body, with other NC Conference IPHC churches. We want them to recruit children in their area to go to camp, recruit volunteers – adults and teenagers – and bring some of their own children, ages 10-12, to attend the camp. Oh yeah, maybe raise some funds or other supplies too.

Interviewer: How do they need to get in touch with you?

Dana: They can call the church at 252-756-3315, visit our Web site www.greenvillefirst.org or e-mail freecamp@greenvillefirst.org for more information.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to share this ministry with our extended church family. I pray that the vision will catch on and we can work together toward reaching our communities through Free Camp!

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June 10-13, 2010
Speaker: Pastor Allen Thomas

Omega Camp (grades 4-5)
June 13-17, 2010
Speaker: Pastor Roger Barefoot

Hispanic Camp
June 25-27, 2010

High School (grades 9-12)
June 17-20, 2010
Speaker: Pastor Abel Lopez

Middle School (grades 6-8)
June 20-24, 2010
Speaker: Pastor Stephen Jones

All applications should be postmarked on or before May 15. A scholarship form and/or full payment MUST accompany application. Early-bird tuition (postmarked on or before May 15) is $115 per student. The late/walk-on rate (postmarked after May 15) will be $145. Scholarships are only worth $115. Any late fee for a scholarship camper is the responsibility of the scholarship camper's parent or guardian.

Refund Policy: If a student does not attend the camp for which he or she is registered and does not give at least 7 days' notice, there will be no refund given for that student's tuition. In order to receive a refund, the Discipleship Ministries office must receive the cancellation and refund request at least 7 days prior to the first day of the camp session for which that student is registered. However, in the event of refund, there will be a 20% administration fee deducted from the refund amount.

If you have questions, please contact the office @ 910.980.1162.

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Falcon Camp Meeting

Sunday, August 8, 2010 – Sunday, August 15, 2010

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 8

6:00 p.m.	Praise and Worship Rev. Demetrius Miles

Monday, August 9

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Bill Rose*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Terry Tramel
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Demetrius Miles

Tuesday, August 10

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Ryan Jackson*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Terry Tramel
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. Demetrius Miles

Wednesday, August 11

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Tim Marriner*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Terry Tramel
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Youth Emphasis Director: Rev. Jon Oliver Message: Evangelist Matt Pitt

Thursday, August 12

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Randal Strickland*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Douglas Beacham
12:30 p.m.	Retired Ministers Luncheon *-Private Dining Room*
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. D. Chris Thompson

Friday, August 13

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Paul Brafford*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Douglas Beacham
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:30 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:30 p.m.	Rev. D. Chris Thompson

Saturday, August 14

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting*
9:30 a.m.	Ministers' Wives Fellowship**
9:30 a.m.	Rev. Paul Evans*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Douglas Beacham
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
7:00 p.m.	Rev. D. Chris Thompson

Sunday, May 15

7:45 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School*
11:00 a.m.	Dr. Douglas Beacham
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
6:00 p.m.	Global Outreach Celebration Director: Rev. Danny Nelson Message: Rev. Jim Whitfield

Please Note: All services noted by an asterisk **(*)** will be held in the **Octagon Tabernacle.** ALL OTHER SESSIONS OF THE CAMP MEETING WILL BE IN THE NEW J. A. CULBRETH TABERNACLE

**Culbreth Memorial Fellowship Hall
Mrs. Regenia Whitfield, Director

Falcon Camp Meeting Going Forward

Jim & Regenia Whitfield

The Old Testament text that has been a passion in my spirit all my ministerial life is the statement in Exodus 14:15 when God speaks to Moses and says, "...Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Tell my people to go forward. Follow after or pursue the law of progress even in testing times. This year's Falcon Camp Meeting represents a week of spiritual retooling for the next four years of ministry. It is a call to listen to what God is saying to His people in 2010. What is His focus for us at our place for the next four years? We do well at times to climb the mountain of transfiguration and listen, learn, and level with God about His plan for our future. I encourage all of our people to make this year's camp meeting a time to pause and pray for God's fresh anointing, renewed direction, and inspired faith to reach more people this quadrennial than ever before in our history. Bishop Demetrius Miles, Bishop Chris Thompson, Bishop Doug Beacham, and Dr. Terry Tramel have been charged to come fresh from the throne room of God with a word from God for the churches and ministers of the North Carolina Conference. Pastor Matt Pitt from the Basement will challenge our youth on Wednesday night to do a turnaround for Christ and His church.

Our pastors will be preaching in the Octagon Tabernacle on the distinguishing doctrine of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. They will focus on the difference the full gospel makes in people's lives. Plan now to take in every service possible. God will be saying and doing some things in Falcon through 12 different speakers during the week of Falcon Camp Meeting.

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CHURCH NEWS

Celebration Day at Bridgeton

On June 6, the Bridgeton Church celebrated its 50th anniversary. There were several highlights to this eventful day. The founding pastor, Brother H. M. Parson, and the wife of former Pastor Linwood Brothers were recognized for their part in the birth and growth of the Bridgeton Church.

Brother Kenneth Dixon, who has pastored the Bridgeton Church for a total of 25 years, was honored for his leadership. In 1998, the Ministerial and Extension Loan Fund loaned the Bridgeton Church $200,000 for 15 years. They paid the note off in 12 years. The people gave $28,000 this year in memory of Sister Gloria Dixon, who went to heaven in 2009. The Bridgeton Church is located on a seven-acre campus that is debt free. I congratulate the Bridgeton people for their faithful giving to the kingdom of God through the Bridgeton Church. The celebration meal after the service was fantastic.

—Bishop Jim Whitfield

Shiloh PH Church News

(Fayetteville District)

L to R: Reverend W. B. Satterfield, Reverend McElree Purifoy, and Reverend Eddie Smith (current pastor)

On Sunday, May 2, 2010, Shiloh PH Church (Fayetteville District) celebrated its 103rd anniversary. Following Sunday school, a special program, "Parade of Saints," was presented. This program, written by Sue Brewington and Beverly Ennis, honored both the founders and the current leaders and workers. A gospel singing group, the Stephens of Roseboro, sang during the worship hour. There were 143 people in attendance, including two former pastors, Reverend McElree Purifoy and Reverend W. B. Satterfield. There was dinner on the grounds following the service. It was a great day in the Lord.

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SCU Names New Dean in Graduate School of Ministry

Dr. Terry Tramel to take the deanship in fall 2010

BETHANY – Southwestern Christian University announces the selection of Dr. Terry Tramel as the dean of the Graduate School of Ministry, effective July 1. The current dean, John Chasteen, was recently named the executive director of the newly established Life Coaching Institute at SCU. Dr. Tramel has served at Southwestern Christian University since 2000 as a professor. In 2006 he was named the chair of the undergraduate Theology and Missions Department and most recently has served as a full-time faculty member in the SCU Graduate School of Ministry.

Tramel has a B.S. in pastoral ministry from Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a master of arts in theology from Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, and a doctor of ministry in Pentecostal leadership from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Missouri. Tramel also recently published a book entitled *The Beauty of the Balance*, which looks at efforts towards a balanced Evangelical-Pentecostal theology.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve in this capacity. My hope is to build on the work of those who have served before me in leading the Graduate School of Ministry into a brighter future of training Christian leaders," said Tramel.

Accredited by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges, Southwestern Christian University is a private Christian liberal arts university located in Bethany, Oklahoma. Since its founding in 1946, Southwestern has continued to focus on its primary mission of providing students a Christ-centered education, equipping them for a life of learning, leadership, and service through the integration of faith, learning, and living.

Retired Ministers' Birthdays

July, August, September

Rev. Edna Parker	July 1
Rev. Louise Thompson	July 2
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Rev. Raymond Whitehurst	September 28

Special Thanks From Ray Faircloth, Sr.

To Bishop Jim Whitfield, Evangelism Director Danny Nelson, Evangelism board members, pastors, and churches where I have ministered as a conference evangelist, from my heart I want to say thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as a North Carolina Conference evangelist since last October. I want to offer a special word of thanks to the following:

Westmoreland (Bro. J. Nelson), Chadbourn (Bro. R. Robinson), Hobgood (Bro. D. Winstead), Nakina (Bro. R. Nelms), Living Faith (Bro. D. Harris), Black Creek (Bro. R. Barefoot), Graham Memorial (Bro. D. Wheeler), Shiloh-Wilson (Bro. T. E. Long), Peniel (Bro. J. Bartlett), Harvest Fellowship (Bro. T. Johnson), Goodnews Ministries (Bro. P. Bland), Williamston First (Bro. R. Leggett), Evangel (Sis. M. Teachey), Living Waters Ministries (Bro. R. L. Downing), Abiding in Him Ministries (Sis. L. Figueroa), and Higher Ground (Bro. R. Knox). These pastors and churches opened their pulpits to me, and I will always be humbly grateful for the opportunity.

Also, I appreciate Bishop Whitfield allowing me the opportunity to minister at New Beginnings, Thomas Chapel, Roanoke Rapids, Grace Outreach, Culbreth Memorial, and Mt. Olive-Pembroke during pastoral changes.

It has been an honor to meet so many North Carolina IPHC church families throughout the conference. I assure you, it has been an opportunity I will always appreciate and remember.

I thank you for your generous offerings/support and encouragement during my tenure as a conference evangelist.

The Bethel Pentecostal Holiness Church in Bethel, N.C., has invited me to be their pastor. I sincerely desire your prayers as Jenny and I transition back to the pastorate and take the challenge of leading this small congregation at Bethel. Thank you again, Sincerely… Thank you!

–Ray Faircloth, Sr.

Eva Belle Brown

Comments of Bishop Whitfield at her funeral

Sister Eva Brown was a special person and a special preacher. She was the first lady pastor I remember meeting. She invited me as a start-up teenage preacher to preach in her pulpit.

I have never forgotten her spirit and manner of carrying herself and the gospel. She always impressed me as a woman of excellence and graciousness.

She was saved on October 12, 1933. She received her Missions License in 1933 and her Minister's License in 1935.

She pastored the Ebenezer Church for 19 years. She also pastored Lamm's Grove, Bethel (twice), Raleigh, and Vaughan's Chapel. She also evangelized for approximately six years. She served as a minister of the North Carolina Conference for 75 years.

In 1999 she stated, "If I could have my years of ministry over, I'd do it all over again and do a better job of it." God bless the ministry and memory of Sister Eva Belle Brown.

Book Reviews

Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

The Disappearance of God: Dangerous Beliefs in the New Spiritual Openness

by R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

With Mesopotamian humanistic optimism and the disappearance of God in the church, the world could be in trouble. The author calls for a new generation of believers to contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the saints because of the new spiritual openness, religious relativism, and powerful cultural forces that seem to "swirl around us [more] today than ever before." Since the entire structure of Christian truth is under attack, it stands to reason, justifiably so, that true believers stand up to these attacks and contend for the faith, the only faith there is in the world today. To be specific, it is the Christocentric faith according to the apostles' doctrine that we find in the New and Old Testament.

Mohler asks, "Why is hell off limits for many pastors? What's good or bad about the dangerous emergent movement? Have Christians stopped seeing God as God? Are churches pandering to their members to survive?" Allow me to take the liberty to add a few questions. Who would have ever thought that some Christians would advocate that God does not know the future and therefore needs gifted men and women to help Him determine and shape the future? Do we have the right to believe what we like and what we want to believe? Has there ever been a time in human history that people liked to hear about hell? Are Pentecostal preachers afraid of the message of hell because it may turn some potential members off and send them away? In this consumer-centered world, do we have the right to pick and choose the things we like in the Bible and ignore, refuse, or reject the ones we do not like, simply on the basis of desire? If consumerism dilutes the message, perverts the gospel, and changes the church's character, what is there to like about it? Does God exist for our happiness or for His? Is culture the origin of meaning, truth, and values?

Consisting of 23 chapters in only 194 pages, *The Disappearance of God* is a relatively small book and can be easily read in an hour or more. For Mohler, truth is the essential issue. If the Church loses the truth, she has lost the battle altogether, for without the truth, we have no foundation, faith, or future. Some people really do believe that God has disappeared and that His non-existence or absence is of little or no consequence. After all, we have research and technology and know how to fix all of our problems.

If God has disappeared or is of little or no consequence, then it stands to reason that before long, the Bible, the Church, and all that goes along with who we are as Christians will be of little or no consequence. If God has disappeared or is dead, then everything is permissible. If God has disappeared or is dead, why even speak of a place called hell… or heaven, for that matter?

What does all this mean? The Christian will be what he or she is becoming. The choice every Christian makes develops the person into something he or she becomes. If we fail to guard our hearts from the world's values, then we will conform to the world that rejects God's truths. To be transformed by the renewing of the mind is to swim upstream against the current of the world. Spiritual transformation always depends upon absolute truth from God's Word. Once a "Christian" can no longer accept absolute truths and being "different" from everybody else, then worldliness will take over, resulting in a new kind of Christian. What will the Church look like 25 years from now, should the Lord tarry?

The church that submerges itself in the culture to reach the culture will inevitably become a compromising church because as culture stands now, it cannot accept absolute truths. How in the world can any church claim to love the God of the Bible and become dangerously evasive when it comes to matters of truth? If the truth makes a person free, then half-truths enslave. If the truth is light, then lies are darkness. If the truth frees a person and lights the way, then the Church must be crystal clear about what she stands for and what she believes. For example, the subject of hell is not some distraction that would be better left out of our discussions and conversations. It is a real place with real people with a real purpose and is not the final destination of the wicked. Must the message of hell and divine retribution disappear along with God?

Many Christian leaders and authors call for new models of doing church and for redefining Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Since when does God need redefining? If new models produce erosion and decay of God's truth, all in the name of reaching the masses through congregational engineering methodologies and a less offensive message, then why do we adopt new models? A culturally compelling message created by culture cannot possibly be pure in God's truth. If we become like them to reach them so they can become like us, then are we not like them? It will inevitably lead to the unmitigated disaster for the church. Have we forgotten that without holiness no man shall see the Lord? Why are the pure in heart so blessed? If we love the world, can we possess the love of the Father too? Mohler states, "As the new people of God, the church is to see itself as an alien community in the midst of spiritual darkness—strangers to the world who must abstain from the lusts and enticements of the world. The church is to be conspicuous in its purity and holiness and steadfast in its confession of the faith once for all delivered to the saints." It is this that makes the church a true vessel of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Where is God? The Russian cosmonauts in outer space returned to earth and reported they could not find Him. If they had been unattached to their oxygen masks and space suits in outer space, they would have found Him in a matter of seconds. God is. He has not disappeared. He is not dead. He is very much alive. Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, He possesses unlimited power, perfect knowledge, soul satisfying peace, uncompromising holiness and righteousness, and an all sufficiency for every child of God living today. He lives, and we cannot live without Him. The living God who is abundant in truth cannot deceive the faith of His people. Only trust Him, obey Him, and allow the One who fills heaven and earth to bless you in the days to come.

—Happy Reading. MLD

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Today's Woman Touching Tomorrow's World

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Patsy's Paragraphs

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well"

–Psalm 139:14

The pearl is a beautiful precious stone. Its formation is a fascinating process. A grain of sand finds its way into an oyster's shell. The discomfort caused to the oyster by the sand is compounded by the oyster's inability to get rid of the irritant. In an effort to ease the pain, the oyster coats the sand with a layer of the inner lining of its shell to make the sand smooth. This still does not ease the oyster's suffering. Repeatedly the oyster coats the sand, but all attempts to get rid of the irritant have little effect. One day the oyster is fished from the water and opened. Inside is a gem of amazing beauty and great value, all because the oyster suffered.

In the last eight years you have invited me into your hearts and lives. You have allowed me the privilege and honor to serve you as the NCWM director. You have allowed the Lord to use you and change you to help promote Women's Ministries. This has been a wonderful journey, and I thank you for your love and support. You are all precious jewels, and I will always cherish the friendships and the times we shared together.

At the NCWM Convention held on Saturday, June 5, you elected Janice Marshburn as your new NCWM director, Terry Boyette as assistant director, Sandra Britt as secretary/treasurer, and Darnell Nelms and Teresa Woodard as board members.

Please keep this team in your prayers as they lead the North Carolina Women's Ministries to an even greater level of excellence.

In His Amazing Love,
"Mrs. Patsy"

FROM YOUR NEW NCWM DIRECTOR...

Thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your NCWM director for 2010-2014. I'm humbled. At no greater time in my life have I ever realized I need each one of you more. I recently read a devotion from the book *One Minute Bible—Women in Leadership*. On day three the author emphasized, "You don't have to be on the frontlines to make sizable contributions toward your team's success." In Judges 4 we find Israel having suffered 20 years of oppression at the hand of Jabin, the Canaanite king. God used a woman named Jael to kill Sisera, the leader of the Canaanite army, by nailing him to the ground. God subdued Jabin before the Israelites, consequently bringing relief to Israel. Jael was in a tent away from the frontlines, but had a powerful impact on the success of the mission. Per the demand of my new position, I will be on the frontlines; however, please be reminded that I need you backing me up and doing all you can right where God has placed you. Your participation is vital to the success of the mission! The task is great; therefore, I solicit your daily prayers. Let me challenge you to be a leader who mixes some new with the old and stays current. Leading in full view of the eyes of God!

–Janice

Rocky Mount District Rally

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the Women's Ministries of the Rocky Mount District met at Harvest Temple in Roanoke Rapids. Our devotion and a skit were based on the theme, "Lest We Forget." We had 36 in attendance (including NCWM board member Terry Boyette). Most importantly, the Holy Spirit was there. Such a sweet reminder that no matter our age, He does not forget us. Praise His Name! Thanks again for all those who attended and helped in any way to make this WM rally a success.

–Betty B. Watson
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Finishing Strong

The scripture we find in Luke 14:28-30 talks about planning: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

We must plan carefully what we are going to do with our lives. You see, if we fail to plan, we will fail to finish strong.

There were three men who started out in seminary in 1947. The first was one Chuck Templeton. He started out as a great speaker and a great preacher. But when he came out of the seminary in 1949, he came out as an agnostic. He left the ministry and denied Christ. He went on to have a notable career in radio, television, and newspaper as a columnist. In his lifetime, the one-time preacher even wrote articles against Christianity and God. He died in 2001 with Alzheimer's disease. According to what is known about the way he lived, he went to Hell. He did not finish strong.

The second man who went to seminary in 1947, Bron Clifford, became a great preacher and evangelist. But he got caught up in the things of the world. By 1959, he had lost his ministry, his family, his health, and his life. He died at the age of 35 with cirrhosis of the liver. According to what is known about his finish, he went to Hell. He did not finish strong.

Billy Graham was the third man who entered the seminary in 1947. As we look at his life, we can see that he stayed true to the faith. He is America's most admired evangelist. Billy Graham is finishing strong.

The Scripture text that was selected is about starting and finishing strong. The passage presents the danger of not being able to finish what you start. Chuck Templeton and Bron Clifford were strong starters, but poor finishers.

Were do you fit in? Have you planned a good start that you might have a strong finish?

If we look in the Old Testament at the life of Daniel, we can see that at early age, he stood firm in his belief toward God. And in his middle-aged years, he was still going strong. And in his later years, he proved to have a strong finish in the faith.

From New Testament accounts, Paul was one of the greatest apostles ever to have lived here on earth. From the time he came to know Jesus Christ as his Savior, he fought hard for what he knew to be true. He had a strong finish.

Can we be like Paul and, when the time comes for that strong finish, say this: "I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:7-9 NIV).

I am looking forward to a strong finish!

God Bless you!
Ronnie Basden

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BECOMING A HOUSE OF PRAYER

Francis Frangipane said, "Christ's death is the lawful platform upon which the Church rises to do spiritual warfare." As we rise, we raise the sword of the Word of God against wickedness, and we stay strong in this ascent by the power of prayer. However noble and ideal this notion is, the fact is the Church has rarely walked in this victory since the first century.

We must become again a house of prayer. After all, that was the pattern of the first church, where its leadership was devoted to the Word and prayer exclusively (Acts 2:42; 6:4). Every day they gathered to pray and minister to the Lord (Acts 3:1). Today leaders are forced to be organizers and counselors with winning personalities to keep the machinery of the church running smoothly.

Jesus is still calling us to day and night prayer (Luke 18:7), and His call is still that we "ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The church must rise once more to being a house of prayer with this original motivation. We are suffering from a moral and social collapse in our world. Prayer is a rallying point of offense to the world. The Church is the last bastion of sensible portrayal of Jesus' guidelines to being a house of prayer. The elements of such a house of prayer can include:

1. **DESPERATION**: To quote Frangipane again, "Desperation is God's hammer.... When our desperation exceeds our fears, progress begins.... We are in desperate times." It was desperation that led the Apostles to the assignments and priorities of the book of Acts. Could this be what James meant when he spoke of "fervent" (desperate) prayer that is offered in faith (James 5:15)?

2. **ADORATION**: This is proper honoring of God. It is the first statement in the model prayer. It is the worship that prayer brings. It is the essential component a house of prayer should practice.

3. **INTERCESSION**: Intercession is God's chain of command. It begins with the Lord, who intercedes for us (Rom. 8:34), and filters down through characters like Abraham, Moses, David, Samuel, Hezekiah, Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. It is not some super-spiritual adjunct that some might suppose. It is a biblical function of a house of prayer that intercedes for others according to the will of God (Rom. 8:26-27).

4. **SUPPLICATION**: Philippians 4:6 tells us not to hold back from asking God for anything. Supplication is the craft of that sincere asking for special provisions and specific areas of health, finance, etc. It is favoring others by seeking God's favor over them. This is a house of prayer covering the needs of its people.

5. **VARIATION**: Be creative! The Bible talks about "all prayers." My husband is a pastor, and often he will pray a corporate prayer of blessing over the congregation, or another time it may be a prayer of protection, and so forth. Your house of prayer is unique, and you should adapt prayers for your situations and circumstances. Remember Jesus warned us about "vain babblings" (see Matt. 5:7). We should not just ask for things the same way always, but we should use a variety of ways to communicate with Heaven.

We need today the unleashing of unceasing prayer. There is an urgency of the hour to spend hours in prayer. May all our churches come alive and be raised up as houses of prayer.

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Saluting All Ministers' Wives

Have you ever been addressed like this: "You say your husband is a preacher? Wow! How do you cope with that?" What a privilege to respond with a big smile, "Yes, indeed, I am a preacher's wife! And you can't imagine how blessed I feel."

First of all, my husband was called and anointed by God to preach His Word. Second, in order to fulfill His calling adequately, he needs me! He needs my unequivocal support in every area of his God-called mission.

Having said this, let me say that I am now writing from the perspective of one who was blessed to serve alongside my preacher/missionary husband for over 57 years. He is now with our heavenly Father. But I am not alone. I am awed daily by God's abiding presence and wonderful provision.

Let me share an experience I had in 1979. Briefly, this is what happened. Jettie and I had been home from Africa about seven years. He was pastoring the Sanford First Pentecostal Holiness Church. I loved and was loved by the people. I also had a good job and had been serving on the NCWM board for about seven years, four of those as president. World Missions called, pleading for us to come back as full-time missionaries. Jettie felt God's leading to return. I resisted. My little nest was feathered perfectly, and I didn't want it disturbed. What to do? I prayed. God spoke to my heart, "Sue, wherever I send Jettie, that's where you're to be—no questions asked." Do I have any regrets? Absolutely not! For me, to be called a preacher's wife is one of the greatest honors on earth. And I believe that when God called Jettie to preach, He knew positively that there was a young girl in Pender County, whom he had yet to meet, who would beocome his wife and his partner in Kingdom ministry.

Ministers' wives, I salute you! What would this world be like if it weren't for good preachers' wives? God had you in mind when He realized that the role of the ministry would not be complete without you!

I love you,
Sue Parker

Thanks to you, Mrs. Sue Parker, a retired but also refired minister's wife, who is still living and enjoying life with the Sanford First Church family, Sanford, N.C. Continue to enjoy the journey!

–Regenia

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Jeff Radford, Director

"One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty works." Psalms 145:4

I formally want to thank Bishop Whitfield for the opportunity to be your new Archives director. I also want to thank Mrs. Betty Thompson, your last Archives director, and Mrs. Regenia Whitfield, who has been filling the role of supervisor of the Archives, and the Archives board, who have done such excellent work in the past. I hope, with the Archives board's help, to be able to continue that work with the same dedication and zeal in the future.

As we look to the future, the Archives Department is going to strive to do several things. Let's look at just a few:

1. We will continue to keep the history of what the church has done in the past alive for future generations to use and to see.
2. We will help local churches to establish a means of keeping history-making materials available.
3. We will use video and photos more than ever to capture history in the making.
4. We will digitize items where possible to make fragile materials more accessible to everyone.

On behalf of the Archives board, I ask for your prayers and support as we continue to work where dedicated saints have labored with such love in the past. "May God richly bless each of you" is my fervent prayer.

Jeff Radford, one of our ordained ministers, has been appointed Archives director. Jeff began working part-time as Archives director June 7. Please direct your inquiries to the Archives Department, Attention: Jeff Radford, Phone 910-980-1162/Office, 919-734-5169/Home, E-mail: archivesdirector@nciphc.com.

Reverend Jeff Radford is a native of Goldsboro, N.C., and is part of a multi-generation Pentecostal Holiness family. He grew up in the Oak Street Pentecostal Holiness Church, now the First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro, and for a few years attended First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Winston-Salem. Upon returning to Goldsboro as a teen in 1978, he and his family resumed attending the Oak Street Church. Brother Radford became a Christian in 1992 and soon became a member of the The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro. It wasn't very long before he felt a call to the ministry. It was suggested that he attend Holmes Bible College in Greenville, S.C., where he enrolled in 1994 and graduated as valedictorian and student body president in 1998 with a bachelor of arts degree. In 1996, Brother Radford became a licensed minister with the North Carolina Conference.

Brother Radford joined the staff of The First Pentecostal Holiness Church in Goldsboro in 1999, where he was an administrative assistant. He continued to minister in that position for over 11 years, first for Bishop Jim Whitfield and most recently for Lead Pastor Bill Rose, until June of this year.

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

EL TRABAJO ES NUESTRO, LOS RESULTADOS SON DE DIOS

Hace poco leí esta frase que alguien escribió. "El trabajo es nuestro, los resultados son de Dios". Si laboramos diligentemente, oyendo la voz de Dios en lo que tenemos que hacer y aprovechamos al máximo los recursos y oportunidades que recibimos, podremos lograr mucho, especial cuando trabajamos para el reino de Dios. Trabajamos con y para Dios, la biblia nos llama "obreros" (Mateo 9:38). También las Escrituras nos llama "colaboradores" (1 Corintios 3:9), esto es que trabajamos con El y para El.

Estos son los trabajadores que he visto aquí en Carolina del Norte, laborando para Dios en Su vina, al sembrar la semilla y recoger la cosecha. Me refiero a los pastores, ministros y líderes que he visto trabajar duro, con fe y esperanza. Su fe y dependencia en Dios ha hecho la diferencia en cuanto a causar un impacto en las ciudades y pueblos donde ellos están trabajando.

Puedo decir eso de los pastores Manuel y Rufina Cornejo. Una pareja que vino de México con sus hijos, a Carolina del Norte y en donde han trabajado con esfuerzo y persistencia hasta alcanzar sus metas. El pasado 30 de mayo, la iglesia "Jesús es la Verdad" en Clinton, dedico su nuevo templo, un edificio con capacidad para 150 personas. Esta iglesia fue plantada por el Rev. Manuel Cornejo y a través de muchas dificultades lograron construir su iglesia.

Ellos no habían tenido un edificio propio hasta ese día que celebramos la entrega del edificio al Señor.

Fue un servicio glorioso, en donde nuestro Obispo Rev. Jim Withfield predicó un poderoso mensaje de la Palabra de Dios e hizo la oración de dedicación. También tuvimos un tiempo de confraternidad maravilloso, para celebrar las bondades del Señor Jesús.

Hay mucho de cierto en la frase "Nosotros hacemos el trabajo, los resultados son de Dios". He podido caminar muy de cerca a través de todo el proceso de esta iglesia en Clinton y en verdad algunas veces, pensé que ya no podíamos seguir adelante con lo que estábamos haciendo. Sin embargo esta experiencia me enseno algunas cosas que deseo compartir aquí.

Se requiere visión, para ver los resultados futuros, donde otros no ven esperanza alguna. La persistencia del pastor Manuel Cornejo me impresiono mucho. Esa cualidad es necesaria, sobre todo cuando estás en lo más intenso del calor de las pruebas y aspectos contrarios a tu proyecto. Oír y obedecer la voz de Dios es vital para asegurar el éxito en la plantación, sostenimiento y apoyo de una iglesia nueva. La fe en Dios y en Su habilidad para proveer y hacer que las cosas que parecen negativas, sean usadas para producir algo bueno y positivo. La última cosa que creo es absolutamente necesaria que percibí durante el proceso de inicio y desarrollo de esta iglesia, fue la pasión. El pastor Manuel siempre mantuvo la pasión por las personas y busco la manera de alcanzarlas, edificarlas y guiarlas a una relación viva con Dios. Pasión es el combustible que ha mantenido este proyecto en movimiento.

Felicitamos al pastor Manuel y su familia por su esfuerzo y dedicación en llevar a cabo la realización de algo con lo que siempre sonaron, tener su propia iglesia. Que Dios haga crecer y multiplicar la iglesia "Jesús es la Verdad" que de ella se planten otras iglesias y salgan nuevos obreros. Que su ejemplo pueda inspirar a muchos a trabajar con mucho esfuerzo, esperanza grandes resultados.

THE WORK IS OURS; THE RESULTS ARE OF GOD

Not long ago I read this sentence that someone wrote: "The work is ours; the results are of God." If we labor diligently, hearing the voice of God in what we have to do, and we take advantage to the maximum of the resources and opportunities we receive, we will be able to achieve a lot, especially when we

work for the kingdom of God. We work with and for God; the Bible calls us "laborers" (Matthew 9:38). Also the Scriptures call us "fellow workers" (1 Corinthian 3:9); this means that we work for Him and with Him.

These are the workers I have seen here in North Carolina, laboring for God in His vineyard, sowing the seed and collecting the crop. I refer to the shepherds, ministers, and leaders who have been seen to work hard, with faith and hope. Their faith and dependence on God have made the difference, causing an impact in the cities and towns where they are working.

I can say that of the Pastors Manuel and Rufina Cornejo, a couple who came from Mexico with their children to North Carolina, where they have worked with effort and persistence until reaching their goals. Last May 30, the church Jesus Is the Truth in Clinton dedicated their new temple, a building with a capacity of 150 people. This church was planted by the Rev. Manuel Cornejo, and through many difficulties they were able to build their church. They had not had their own building until that day we celebrated giving the building to the Lord.

It was a glorious service, where Bishop Jim Whitfield preached a powerful message of the Word of God and did the prayer of dedication. Also we had a time of marvelous fellowship to celebrate the goodness of Lord Jesus.

There is a lot of certainty in the statement, "We do the work; the results are of God." I have been able to walk very closely through the process with this church in Clinton, and in truth, sometimes I thought we could no longer continue with what we were doing. Nevertheless, this experience taught me some things I desire to share here.

Vision is required to see future results where another does not see any hope. The great persistence of Rev. Manuel Cornejo impressed me very much. That quality is necessary above all when you are in the intense heat of the tests and contrary aspects of your project. Listening to and obeying the voice of God are vital to assure success in the planting, support and development of a new church. Faith in God and in His ability to provide and do the things that seem to be negatives is used to produce something good and positive. The last thing I believe absolutely necessary that I perceived during the process of starting and developing this church is passion. Pastor Manuel always maintained passion for the people and sought ways to reach them, build them, and guide them to an alive and strong relationship with God. Passion is the fuel that has maintained the movement of this project.

We congratulate Rev. Manuel and his family for their effort and dedication in carrying out the execution of something they always dreamed of: to have their own church. May God cause the church Jesus Is the Truth to grow and multiply. We want other churches to be planted and new laborers to be raised from the church in Clinton. May their example inspire many to work with effort and hope in great results.

These are some of the pictures of the church dedication.

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. John Sly

Celebrating 89 years - June 9, 2010

Where Are They Now...?

David and Mary Ida Butts

David and Mary Ida (Gray) met at a friend's party in Greenville, N.C., in 1955 and were married in April 1958. Seven years later in 1965, David felt a definite call from the Lord to preach the Gospel and was granted a Mission Worker's License at a district conference in Grimesland conducted by Superintendent W. Eddie Morris. He was subsequently licensed in the N.C. Conference in 1966 and ordained in 1978.

Even before he was licensed, David entered every open door to preach, and in 1966 he was granted his first of several pastorates and has continued on that path of ministry for over 42 years. During some of those earlier years, David was bivocational and worked in the telephone industry. In 1974, in conjunction with the conference evangelism program, he was able to give his full time to the ministry and was assigned the Hope Mills Church. At Hope Mills, he and Mary Ida built a new church and a congregation that flourished from 17 to an average of 100 in attendance. Four years later they moved to Wilson to pastor the Westmoreland Church, where they began the Evangelism Explosion Ministry, which not only teaches how to witness, but also involves the church in personal soul winning.

David and Mary Ida's longest and most fruitful pastorate was at the Living Faith Fellowship Church in Rocky Mount, N.C. They led the congregation in paying off the remaining church debt, while the membership grew from 140 to over 300. They were there for 17 years, and many ministries were developed that resulted in solid church growth. They were successful in connecting people to Jesus using today's relevance and the reliability of faithful foundations, a balance difficult to achieve, but necessary in reaching our generation.

In 2000, the Butts moved back to Greenville to build their retirement home on the same farm where Mary Ida was raised. During their slowdown, they served the Vanceboro Church for several years, and now they pastor the Ayden Church – a church David's father founded in 1958. They have always been active in the ministries of the conference and have served on various boards and committees, worked at Falcon Youth Camps, and served as our conference media coordinator. David presently is a member of the conference Retired Ministers Board. They are also enjoying their family of two daughters, sons-in-law, five granddaughters, and grandsons-in-law, who are all involved in ministry.

To quote David, *"It has been and still is a great journey."* They are looking forward to many more productive years.

May – Retired Ministers Month
Celebrated by Many Churches

We never cease to be thankful for the wonderful way our pastors and churches are taking advantage of the month of May to express their appreciation to our retired ministers and their spouses. Read the following from Pastor Eddie White at our Westview Church.

"The Westview Church in St. Pauls celebrated Retired Ministers Day, May 23, by honoring a former pastor, Rev. Buck Parnell, and his wife Ada. We had contacted the Parnells earlier in the year to let them know that the Westview Church had "adopted" them and were committed to helping and supporting them in any way we could. The Bucks had pastored this church from 1989 until 1994, and though many knew them, there were some in the congregation who did not. When they arrived on Sunday morning, they were met by Pastor White and the Administrative Council. After introductions they were pinned with a beautiful corsage and boutonniere. At the start of the service they were escorted into the sanctuary as the congregation stood and welcomed them with an ovation. Although Pastor Buck's health doesn't allow him to travel and preach as he once did, there was no doubt that when he took the pulpit, the anointing of the Spirit was upon him. Several commented how much they enjoyed his message and that he had not lost his sense of humor. Pastor White then presented them with a love gift from the Westview Church. After the service, the WM and ladies of the church provided a delicious meal followed by a time of fellowship and getting to know Pastor and Mrs. Buck. We look forward to more opportunities to show this wonderful couple our love and support at their birthdays, anniversary, or at other special times."

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Pastor White and the Westview Church for this wonderful act of loving kindness. **This is what the month of May is all about.** There were several other churches in our conference that did similar things to show their love to our aging ministers and their spouses. Some presented their retired ministers with monetary gifts, an invitation to minister, or some personal gifts. Regardless of how we do it, let's not forget these great men and women of the faith. -wtc

Retired Ministers
Camp Meeting Luncheon
Thursday, August 12, 2010
12:30 PM - Private Dining Room

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

HONG KONG MISSIONARIES' REUNION

A very special reunion took place in Falcon, N.C., April 28-30, 2010. Individuals and couples who had formerly served in Hong Kong as missionaries for the IPHC met to renew acquaintances, reminisce, and pray for the continuing presentation of the gospel to the Chinese people. The North Carolina Conference Evangelism/World Missions director, Reverend Danny Nelson, helped to make this a very memorable occasion. In addition to providing housing, he took the former missionaries on a tour of Falcon, visiting some of the most historical places in the formation of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. The moving of the Holy Spirit among the former missionaries as they prayed and sang in the Octagon Tabernacle encouraged them all. Participants came from California, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Although no longer serving in Hong Kong, the group left this reunion with a sense of renewed dedication to being missionaries where they are currently living. Special thanks go to Reverend and Mrs. John Parker for their gracious hospitality and to Reverend and Mrs. Sherrill Orvin, who organized the reunion. The following persons attended the reunion: Sherrill and Velvalee Orvin, Leta Dantzler, Barbara Spence, John and Edna Parker, Carolyn Foster, Shelton and Jean Gore, Lou Spencer, John and Norma Jean Burnette, Julia Tang, Dora and Jarnail Sandhu, and Mary Bostic.

–Jean Gore

PENDERLEA PH CHURCH

Penderlea PH Church is on fire for God as we continue to reach others globally for Christ! Our Missions Department is under the direction of Mr. Marion Knowles. He is a fabulous Missions director, and you can see the passion he has for Missions. He has a way of motivating others in the church to get involved.

The children of our church are very excited about giving to Missions. Each Sunday morning, the children come up with their Missions money and give from their hearts. You can see the smiles in the children's eyes as they give to others in the form of Missions. Our children have a passion to help others as they continue to support our missionaries across the globe. Our children here at Penderlea Church are committed to this outreach program and have a desire to forth obeying the will of God. They see the cause and effect that our Missions money brings forth in helping those spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every adult could certainly learn from their example as God continues to work through the hearts of willing vessels, including our youth.

–Angela Walker, Pastor's Wife

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Church Education Ministries Director

Honest Baseball

As the summer months move across my desk calendar, the hot days of summer revive a memory of a time in my past. Growing up as part of rural eastern North Carolina was a wonderful experience for me as a boy. One of my favorite times of the year was the summer vacation. I am not referring to any particular outing or event, but the freedom experienced by a young boy when he had at last paid his annual dues. The last bell had rung, and school was out for the summer!

A big part of my time as a boy was involved with sports, and the summertime was always filled with a lot of baseball. We played games of catch and "Force Out," where we took turns being in a rundown situation on the base path. We played "Pepper," where the ball was tossed at close range to the batter, and he would tap or bunt it to the fielders who were lined up in front of him. We played "Straight Base" when the yard size or the number of participants made regular baseball impractical. Trying to keep up with designated ghost runners in a one-on-one baseball game more than likely led to the straight base version. Even in this game, where you ran from home plate to second base and back, you could find yourself stranded on second base. Whenever this happened, the pitcher would throw the ball up into the air and wait for you to make an attempt to steal home.

Whenever we could, we used our gloves, bat, and baseballs. When we could not, we played with plastic balls and bats. We played with tennis balls and broom handles. We played in the heat of the day and in the standing water from thunderstorms. We eventually outgrew the limits of all the neighborhood backyards and were fortunate enough to talk a nearby farmer into allowing us to erect a backstop out of canvas and tree logs to create our own field in an area where he did not currently have a crop.

Of course there was also the official Little League season, where dreams of glory really began to take shape. I can still remember listening to a small transistor radio the morning following a game, waiting for the local radio announcer to review the box scores. He would usually mention the names of players that were leading hitters from last night's games. It was great to hear your name on the radio as going two for three. I didn't always lead in hitting, but when I did, I always made sure to have the radio on for the recap of the game.

I remember a particular at bat where lessons learned off the field really came into play. It was late in the game, and the score was tied. We had a runner on third, and I came up to bat. As the first pitch approached, I determined that it was a little high and checked my swing for a called ball one. As the ball passed, it tipped the top edge of the catcher's mitt and then hit the edge of the home plate umpire's facemask, careening to the backstop. It was a passed ball, and the runner easily scored from third base to give us the lead. But it was not to be so. The catcher appealed to the home plate umpire, saying that the runner could not advance because the batter had fouled the ball back for a strike. The umpire repeated the scenario as he had witnessed it. The pitch was a called ball, and the run would stand. I waited quietly, watching the play continue to unfold, all the while knowing that the umpire was the authority. He made the call, and his ruling would stand. The catcher followed the proper protocol for a call that he questioned and appealed to the first base umpire for a ruling. The first base umpire repeated the same story as the home plate umpire with confidence, confirming the original ruling.

Convinced that he was being cheated, the catcher insisted that the pitch was fouled. In a last ditch effort the catcher pointed to me and said, "It was a foul ball; ask him!" The umpire turned to me and did just that.

That was the moment of truth. It was the umpire's call. It was his decision and his responsibility. He should not be involving me in a call, but he did. When asked if I had fouled the pitch, all I could do was quietly say, "Yes, sir." When I had checked my swing, I did not get the barrel of the bat completely out of the way of the pitch. I had tipped the ball ever so slightly, changing its flight and contributing to the catcher's miss.

The umpire complimented me by saying, "We've got an honest ball player here." My dad, who was in the announcer's booth, turned the public address system on and proudly said, "That's the only way to raise them." The catcher also thanked me.

I later learned that decisions we make in pressure situations are not a result of who we are at that moment, but rather due to the character we have built preceding that moment. The choice to tell the truth that night had not been made at that moment. Yes, I had to follow through at that moment and tell the truth, but the choice was made way before then. It was the result of the influence of my parents and Sunday school teachers that helped me make that choice. The lessons that they had taught me and, ultimately, my commitment to follow Jesus required me to tell the truth. That is one reason I believe in the ministry of Royal Rangers. It provides an arena for godly men to mentor boys, molding and shaping them into the men that God desires them to be. It gives us a chance weekly to sow into their lives. There are so many influences vying for the minds and hearts of our boys that we cannot afford to miss the opportunity that the weekly outpost meeting presents to influence them for Christ. We must be vigilant in helping them construct the character and spirituality that will stand so they may make the right choice regardless of the pressure of any situation faced.

By the way, the runner had to return to third base, and I had a count of one strike. I managed to get the bat on the next pitch for a single, scoring the runner and winning the game. Later that night my dad shared with me that from his vantage point in the announcer's booth he had also known that the first pitch was fouled. He told me that he believed I would have struck out if I had not told the truth. He believed that God had honored my truthfulness and helped me get a hit. I'm glad I made the right choice.

–André Davenport

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His Vision, My Map for Ministry

If you were at the last night of camp meeting or attended a Leadership Summit, you know that the theme of my heart for the last several months has come from Paul's Macedonian call as recorded in Acts 16:6-10. I am endeavoring to get all of us on the same page about finding the mind and will of God for the next four years, starting with 2011.

1. I leave my heartbeat now with you, the ***Evangel*** readers. May the Holy Spirit fan the flame of outreach in all of our hearts. Allow me to remind all of us again that there will be some ***frustration*** in ministry (Acts 16:6-7). We will not always have clarity on God's will for our ministry or His direction for His church. Paul endeavored to go in two different directions that the Holy Spirit closed to Him. In times of frustration, it is too easy to retreat to the familiar and the convenient. I encourage you not to get too down or discouraged in the frustrating season of your ministry. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to modify our preferences. Remember, it is His prerogative to tell us no, yes, where, when, to whom, for how long, and why. Don't ever forget the why.

2. In the midst of a down, dark time, God often comes to us with ***new direction***. (Acts 16:8-10) It is amazing how much God is at work in the dark times. The question is what we will do with the new direction God births in our spirit. Will we send the vision away because it will cost us to care? What are we going to do with what God is putting our hearts? He is truly up to something great in these days. The early church went from approximately 25,000 believers in 100 A.D. to 20 million by 310 A.D. Today, Pentecostalism has gone from just a few 100 years ago to 400 million in 100 years.

3. When the church is obedient to new direction from Christ, ***new results*** are sure to follow (Acts 16:11-34). Hearts, homes, and cell doors will open as Christ does His work in and through His Church. Let us be more than a worshiping club. Let us join those local churches that are becoming missionary movements again and be surprised at what God does.

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Rev. Raymond Potter	December 18
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Rev. Richard Parson	December 24
Rev. Mrs. Edith Page	December 26

Commodities Needed

Falcon Children's Home is always in need of commodities and supplies to help us make it through the year. Most of the items are received at the annual Harvest Train.

Due to the increase in the number of children at the home, we are in need of some of the items now to fill in the void between Harvest Trains. Here is a list of the items we need now.

- Window cleaner
- Toilet cleaner
- Bathroom cleaner
- All-purpose cleaner
- Disinfecting wipes
- Disinfectant spray
- Pine cleaner
- Air freshener
- Furniture polish
- Body wash
- Lotion
- Hair gel
- Ethnic hair care products
- Mouthwash
- Hygiene Products
- Trash cans (small room size)
- Clipboards

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Pastor/Teacher
Rev. Merrill Davis, M.Ed., M.S.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Proclaiming the Perfections of God (2010)

Editor: Thabiti Anyabwile. Orlando, Florida: Reformation Trust Publishing. 149 pages.

Who would not agree that holiness is not a conscious preoccupation commonly spoken today, yet this man-centered society constantly seeks holistic approaches to making the most out of life, striving to fulfill the hopes and dreams of so many, discovering one's purpose in life, without God? Men search in vain for wholeness when they exclude the reality of God and His demands upon humanity. Holiness misunderstood is holiness rejected. The American attitude concerning religion seems to be, "I like sinning, and God likes forgiving, and the world is well put together." The question before the church at large is simply this: What kind of being is God, and if we see Him through an exalted view of His majesty, what different perspective will we have about ourselves?

Very much like today, when the God of popular religion is not holy, the Church of Laodicea lost its vision and understanding of the being of God, failing to increase in the knowledge of God, and as a result, saw themselves in a different light, all contrary to His righteousness and holiness. If sin is defiance of God, then the Laodiceans must have defied Him. They reordered their lives around themselves, thus becoming idolaters. Blind and morally corrupt, they lived for self-fulfillment and attempted to fashion a different god of their own liking. They forgot that there is none other God but one. Materially blessed and having need of nothing as far as they were concerned, sadly, they deserved His judgment.

What a person thinks of God reveals much about that person. Have we lost the perspective that God is holy? Have we lost the solemn activity of repentance in light of His holiness? Do we think we can sneak in a little sin because it's all been paid for? When a person repents of his or her sin, it changes the whole person from sin to grace, from evil habits to holy customs, and from selfish drunkenness to sober counsels. Yet how slow Christians are to repent of their sins! When the Lord throws the record of sin and shame from the court of heaven, cleansing the soul and spirit of impurities, isn't that alone good reason to repent? Repentance brings soundness and wholeness to the man, woman, boy or girl that will follow through with this sacred function of life.

This publication contains 10 chapters from different contributors, such as R. C. Sproul, D. A. Carson, Sinclair Ferguson and Derek W. H. Thomas, about the holiness and perfections of God. Each chapter addresses the theme of holiness in practical terms. The authors answer the question, "How does God's holiness relate to my life right now?" They seem to be very concerned that conduct is a test of our love for the heavenly Father. How should we then live if God is holy? If we share in God's holiness, then His holiness should be reflected in and through us.

The chapter "A Holy Nation: The Church's High Calling" by D. A. Carson is especially enlightening in regard to holiness and the church. Our identity defines our purpose. Who we are provides guidance as to the way we should live. Carson wrote, "We are God's people, sanctified by God, chosen by God, loved by God. We are His priesthood, His nation, His people. This is our identity." Since we belong to God, we should declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Secured by the Cross, our special status as children of God defines for us a God-centered purpose worthy of total consecration and sacrifice.

The problem with the world is that in forsaking God and searching to find in itself what it had once found in God, the world will never grasp true understanding of His identity and the purpose of life. Men love darkness. Men find in men the ability to correct and solve all humanity's problems without the aid of the Almighty. The more knowledge the world obtains, the greater the distance it finds itself from Him. Most sinners fail to realize that in attempting to escape the dominion of God that commands, they rush headlong into the dominion of God that punishes. Yet the unwillingness to be judged as sinful in the light of God's holiness and true righteousness, and willing to be judged in one's own light is at the heart of what it means to be sinful. In one's own light, almost anyone can look pretty good, but in the light of God's holiness, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

God is holy. He is perfectly holy. Those who humble themselves and call upon His grace and mercy can share his perfect holiness. God likes forgiving, but only on His terms. People who love sinning do not know God. The church that exists in the world cannot be worldly. The church cannot say one thing and live another. The church exists to represent a holy, infinite, Almighty God who reaches out to lost humanity for salvation. The church has been entrusted to proclaim the Good News, which declares that God justifies sinners through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The church becomes relevant by becoming biblical. The world needs biblical preaching. The church needs biblical preaching. God's revelation in Holy Scripture is the standard for living. It is how we measure sin. By recovering a biblical understanding of holiness, we recover a biblical understanding of sin and the consequences of sin.

Here is the imperative. The true church rejects the lie that people will buy Christianity if they don't have to deal with what the church has traditionally been. By avoiding the message of holiness, we lose our biblical identity. When we lose our biblical identity, what message do we have to offer to the sinful and dying world? If no repentance is necessary, who will see God and enjoy His heaven? If a man does not repent, God will whet His sword and ready His bow. Forgetting who we are is a direct result of forgetting who God is. By avoiding the negative matters of sin and self-righteousness, shall we succumb to a form of godliness and deny the power of God? Can the church pursue success in the marketplace and remain biblically faithful to God and Holy Scripture?

In these last days, Christians need something substantial and solid. They need the faith of the ages, not some commercially inspired faith. They need a faith that will continue to stand through fiery trials. They need to be lost in wonder, love and praise! The glory of the Gospel is that a holy God wants us to draw near to Him. Think of it, dear friend. God wants you near Him. He doesn't want you near Him because He is lonely. He wants you near Him because He is God, and you are not. Having no merit at all, we depend on God's grace, and His grace makes nearness possible. It is not some entitlement or something earned. It was purchased by precious blood and made possible by the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Savor His favor and enjoy His rejoicing, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, knowing that we could be so near!

Happy Reading! —MLD

Today's Woman Touching
Tomorrow's World

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HE WILL SPEAK IN YOUR EAR

1 Samuel 9:15 says, "Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came…" As your director, I challenge you to live close enough to Jesus that you will be able to hear Him speak in your ear, before your ladies arrive, out-of-the-box ideas that will make your meeting inviting enough that they will leave saying, "I just can't wait until the next time." It will happen if you'll ask Him to anoint your creativity and empower you by His Spirit. Pray and listen, and the revelation will come. I have my ear turned heavenward. What about you?

—Janice

MINISTRY IDEA

FREE SHOPPING SPREE

Submitted by Patsy Deese
General WM Secretary

I just read of a group doing a Missions Revolving Door. It is a free shopping spree held at a local church. Their theme is "Meeting the Needs – Sowing the Seeds." Items are donated to the church, such as clothing in good condition, appliances, furniture, and etc. Folks in need are allowed to come in and pick out items they need. Volunteers are on hand to assist them. (This would be a great idea for Men's and Women's Ministries working together.)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Harvest Train for Falcon Children's Home

November 23, 2010

Come join the parade, enjoy the program, and bring your offering or commodities. You will be giving to a ministry that is shaping and changing lives. Help make a difference in the life of a child.

Leadership Training Seminar

January 29, 2011

Bring your leaders and meet us at the Whitley PHC in Princeton.

Women's Ministries Retreat

March 18-19, 2011

Keynote Singer and Speaker: Candy Christmas

"Out of the Box" Meeting
Submitted by Mary Belle Johnson
Director at Moore's Chapel

GARAGE SALE MEETING

Meet in the garage of one of your ladies. Ask each lady to bring items from her home or attic to be sold. Set up tables to display your sale items. Enjoy your entire meeting, including your sale and refreshments. This is great for cool fall evenings. Threefold benefits: Host finally tackles the dreaded job of cleaning out the garage, fellowship and spiritual growth take place, and funds are raised for one of your ministry projects.

Tips from Mary Belle
The secret to participation is the PR:
Advertise, advertise, advertise!
Use bulletins, newsletters, and written invitations.
Follow up with appreciation notes.

RETREAT IN A BOX

Our WM did a retreat at a nearby lake for a weekend. We did a "Retreat in a Box" by Beth Moore entitled *Loving Well*. This series was 4 DVDs, and it was pertinent to every woman who attended. Getting away for this time of spiritual renewal was so refreshing.

The fact that we had no agenda other than the time we spent watching the DVDs encouraged the women to fellowship and bond. This small group environment enabled the ladies to open up and share with one another things that were on their hearts and minds. We also had an amazing time of prayer that surpassed anything we have seen in recent times. Everyone had an awesome time.

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In a "Relationship" *Yet?*

To each of His disciples, Jesus simply said, "Follow me." That was an invitation, not a requirement. An invitation respects the freedom of the invitee to accept or decline. Indeed the "no" answer is perhaps the greatest expression of human dignity possible. That men and women can go to Heaven is an expression of God's love; that they can go to Hell is an expression of the value He places on their freedom to choose.

God desires, not requires, a relationship with us. It is not a one-sided affair. We are co-participants with Him both in our relationship with Him and in our work in the world. The true Christian life is about knowing, loving, and communing with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God also wants us to have a relationship with one another. Our problem is that for too many people, the word "relationship" has taken on an ugly, sinful connation. Relationship means "a connection, association, or involvement."

Right, Bible-based relationships are essential to the building of God's kingdom. We need to have healthy Christian relationships with other men. We need to have healthy Christian relationships with our wives and families. We need to have godly mentoring relationships with our young people.

Sadly, there are lost generations of young people that we probably will never be able to reach. But we can start now building caring, nurturing Christian relationships that can last a lifetime. Our brothers, sisters and young people need to know without a doubt that Christian relationships are forever.

Jesus said for us to love one another as He loved us. We need to have faithful, enduring relationships that we would be willing to die for just as Jesus did. Our young people need to see through our examples that relationships can be real.

Can we begin today reaching out to each other and our young people? When is the last time you went up to one of the young people in your church whether you really know them or not and told them that you love them? There are too many people trying to find fault in our young people instead of loving them and leading them into God's Word.

Examine your relationship. Make sure they are steady and pure. Reach out and tell someone how much you love and appreciate him or her today.

—Ronnie Basden

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iWIN GOES TO SOUTH INDIA

South India is on the heart of God

Greetings and blessing!

My love for God and His kingdom has taken me all the way to South India on August 15 through 31 this year. I traveled with missionaries Rose Boyd and Danny and Judith Williams. What a team and great display of the fivefold ministry at work! Moving in the various giftings of teacher, preacher, evangelist, apostle and prophet was so evident in a team yielded to the workings of the Holy Spirit. The unity, agreement and power of the Holy Spirit were among us. To God be the glory; great things He has done! The mission field has always been a part of my calling and life desire. Also to worship, pray and intercede personally in South India with the leaders, pastors, congregations and youth was a great privilege.

What a privilege to be sent by God to the Nations!

Many Manifestations

Salvation, rededication, hundreds of miracles, healing, deliverance, impartation, exhortation, and the edifying of the body of Christ took place while we were there. We ministered to well over 2,000 men, women, youth and children in the two weeks of ministry. What a joy to know the Lord used us also to encourage and train many pastors and church leaders!

A Baby Dedication

We traveled to various churches for times of worship, prayer, training, teaching and preaching. In one of the training sessions I noticed a baby girl who had been marked with black markings around the eyes and forehead. The Holy Spirit revealed that these markings on the child were a sign to false gods. This baby girl needed to be dedicated back to her creator the God of the universe.

I spoke to one of the pastors and asked him to speak to the parents of the baby girl and see if they would let me dedicate her to the Lord, and they consented. The peace of God fell upon the congregation as the infant was lifted to heaven and back to God her creator.

What joy and celebration was felt as the baby received Gods' blessings and experienced the presence of God.

Our IPHC Family in South India

Bishop Moses Kumar had scheduled us for two weeks of visitation to some of the most needy church plant areas that needed a visit of encouragement and ministry.

The schedule and traveling was very taxing and challenging. We travel by taxi, car, train, and plane for many hours, but every inconvenience that we had was worth it. To see the people of God receive us, being blessed and responding to the move of God, was unexplainable. We ministered to well over 2,000 men, women, youth and children in the two weeks of ministry. What a great blessing it was to pray, intercede, train, preach, and encourage many pastors, leaders, youth, children and the body of Christ in India.

Special Training and Teaching on iWIN

Training and teaching took place in South India as I took specific materials and shared the vision of iWIN with the pastors and churches. I made it a point to train and teach on intercessory prayer and the function of iWIN in the IPHC in the U.S.A. and around the world. The people responded in such an amazing way that they could actually understand and see the vision of iWIN prayer ministry around the world and be a part of it. Some signed up to pray for China, Russia, U.S.A., IPHC and even two pastors signed up to pray for my personal ministry. Today we can rejoice that South India not only believes but is involved in the iWIN prayer movement.

The church is young, growing and in love with God and His presence. The fire of the Holy Spirit is ignited and dispersing.

Thanks

I want to thank God, family, friends, intercessors, and all who supported me during this missionary trip. I saw and experienced a mighty move of God among the body of Christ in South India.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Lydia Figueroa

Reminder: WIN Conference
November 5 & 6
Speaker: Kathy Sandlin – Conference Training Center (910-429-0312)

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Ain't God Good!

"Ain't God so good!" I know this is not proper English, but it is one of my favorite sayings when people from my past step into my present.

My husband, Doug, and I pastor at Mount Olive First PH Church. We have been at Mount Olive for 12 years now, and we are so blessed. I grew up in the Wayne County area and know quite a few people. In other words, this is my "old stomping ground." When people I know from my younger days visit our church or see me, and I tell them that my husband and I pastor Mount Olive First PH Church, they can't believe I married a preacher. My only reply is, "I know. Ain't God so good!"

I say that because I see the goodness of God flowing all around me as I help my husband with the pastoral ministry. My joy comes from the fact that we have seen so many lives changed around us. It amazes me that God has used me to help with that, and it also deeply touches me because I was once in a similar place. Many years ago God restored me out of a life of wandering away from Him, and being a pastor's wife has given me the opportunity to share the blessing of salvation and restoration with others who need Him.

Serving with my husband in pastoral ministry also puts me with people who need encouragement. I appreciate the chance to counsel people who are hurting, praying with people at the altar and visiting the sick and needy. I have also had the privilege of teaching senior adults since being a pastor's wife, which has allowed me to be able to minister to that special group of believers as well.

There are certainly many challenges that come with being a pastor's wife, but I would hope that my fellow sisters who have this high calling would join me in appreciating what such a role offers us to enjoy. "Ain't God so good!!"

Together in His Service,
Anne L. Bartlett

Photos were taken at MW Fellowship Brunch in August

Wiley and Jean Clark

RETIRED MINISTERS DEPARTMENT

Wiley T. Clark, Director

Rev. Lester Jarrett

Went to Heaven, August 12, 2010

Where Are They Now...?

Mrs. Ellen Guthrie

In his book *My Memoirs*, Clayton Guthrie wrote, "By the time I reached high school, another interest suddenly appeared – a certain dark haired girl of unusual beauty began to attract me greatly. I can remember a few times I was allowed to sit by her in class and hold her hand." *What? Hold her hand! In class?* Well, love has its beginning somehow, some way, some place!

But from those high school days, that love grew in Clayton and Ellen's heart, and after three years of courtship, they were married on May 3, 1941. Neither of them claimed to be saved even though they had attended church in their earlier youth. Ellen's mother was instrumental in the establishment of the Pentecostal Holiness Church on the Island, so after their marriage they attended there, and Ellen played the piano for the church. In 1945 she gave her heart to the Lord. The Lord blessed them in 1946 with a little baby boy whom they named Bradley. Being greatly influenced by his wife's conversion and other events, her husband gave his heart to the Lord about one year later.

When Clayton finally decided to accept the Lord's calling on his life, Ellen knew that his calling was her calling. Since September 1955 until her husband's passing in 2005, she was a part of one of the most effective soul-saving ministries in the Pentecostal Holiness Church. They sang and preached the Gospel on the evangelistic field, in the pastorate, in camp meetings and conferences and wherever God led them.

Just before Clayton's departure, he said to his son, *"Look after your mother."* Bradley has since given his heart to the Lord, moved in with his mother and is caring for her. They live in their own home on the Island. Ellen is 92 years old *(given with permission!)* and is doing quite well. She attends church almost every Sunday, goes out to eat occasionally and beams with enjoyment when her friends come to see her. Her witness for the Lord is strong, and her commitment to serve Him until He takes her home is as clear and determined as ever!

Retired Ministers
Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, December 2, 2010
11:00 a.m. - Private Dining Room
Falcon, North Carolina
Plan Now to Attend!

Here & There

Almost everywhere Jean and I go, someone will comment on how much he or she appreciates the articles under the heading ***"Where Are They Now...?"*** From the beginning, the purpose of this feature was to keep our conference reminded of these great men and women who faithfully and with much sacrifice pastored our churches, preached our revivals, and built our churches both spiritually and numerically. We started out featuring two or three retired ministers in each issue, but quickly realized the short paragraphs about them were simply not enough. We felt we could do a better job by featuring one ministry couple at a time. Even then, only very limited information could be given, but it was an improvement.

Until now, our focus has been on those whom God has blessed to be among us, to the neglect of those whose spouse had gone to heaven. That changes with this issue. From time to time those precious widows/widowers will be featured too. After all, we preachers have long known that our companions are the ones who have *made the difference* in our ministry efforts.

The Retired Ministers Board of our conference has led the way in developing and providing opportunities for our retired ministers to continue to preach as long as they are able. We enjoy those special times during the year when we come together for fellowship, worship, training, entertainment and food... all at no cost to the retired minister. I think we all realize that we are members of a very special group who have spent our lives in the service of our Lord, that we are in the twilight of life and that, in His time, our greatest promotion will come. Yes, some of our activities cost a few dollars, but it is money well spent in appreciation for the many years of dedicated service.

One of the most outstanding things our Retired Ministers Board has accomplished is spearheading an effort to provide a much needed recognition for the deceased spouse of a minister. For many years the church has honored a deceased minister by presenting a beautiful medallion to the surviving family during the funeral service. *(It is the opinion of many that this honor is equivalent to the presentation of the American flag at the burial of one who paid the ultimate price in defense of his/her country.)* But no such recognition was ever developed for the spouse. Now, that has been done. The first of these medallions for the spouse was presented to the family of Mrs. Annie Mae Todd, the wife of Rev. T. O. Todd, who passed away in 1983, and other medallions have been presented since then.

Finally, we are approaching the end of another year. In every sense, 2010 will be remembered for all the economic difficulties our nation has experienced. But we have learned that the Lord is fully in charge of the economy and everything else. It is our prayer that 2011 will be a year when our nation will once again realize our dependence on Him. We pray for a real, genuine move of God's Spirit across America, and when it happens, it will bring with it a Happy New Year! AMEN AND AMEN! —*wtc*

North Carolina Conference Hispanic Ministries

Luis Avila, Hispanic Assistant to Superintendent

MISIONES DE RESCATE Y ESTACIONES PARA SALVAR ALMAS

Hace algunos días escuché a nuestro obispo compartir la palabra que Dios habló a su corazón acerca de las almas perdidas, y lo que tenemos que hacer para ir en busca de ellas y rescatarlas. Jesús dijo de sí mismo, describiendo el propósito de su venida: "Porque el Hijo del hombre vino a buscar y a salvar lo que se había perdido." Lucas 19:10. Esa es la principal razón por la que la iglesia local existe en cualquier ciudad o pueblo: "Buscar y salvar los hombres y mujeres perdidos".

Nuestra Conferencia ha sido el instrumento de Dios para predicar el evangelio a miles de personas hispanas, de los cuales muchos han sido salvos y hoy su destino es la eternidad con Cristo. Una de las principales maneras en que esto ha sucedido, es por medio del uso de los edificios que las iglesias angloamericanas y afroamericanas están facilitando, para la adoración a Dios y el discipulado de los creyentes de la comunidad hispana.

Permítame compartir algunas estadísticas, para que alabemos al Señor juntos por lo que El ha hecho, y para animar a otros líderes y miembros de las iglesias, a abrir sus puertas para que sigan siendo misiones rescate y estaciones para la salvación de almas de las naciones que viven en los Estados Unidos y especialmente en Carolina del Norte.

Actualmente hay 67 iglesias hispanas en la Conferencia. 34 de esas iglesias están realizando actualmente su ministerio de alcance, adoración y discipulado, utilizando edificios de iglesias americanas, es decir congregaciones que se reúnen en esos edificios. 18 de las iglesias hispanas actuales que empezaron y se reunían en los edificios de iglesias americanas, hoy tienen su propio edificio o están rentando alguno. Actualmente hay 17 iglesias hispanas que han comprado y tienen su propio edificio. Según las estadísticas el año 2009 cerró con 3,762 miembros en las iglesias hispanas de nuestra Conferencia.

Por medio de estas estadísticas podemos notar como estas iglesias con sus edificios han sido estaciones de rescate para la salvación de las almas. Alabamos a Dios por eso! Alabamos a Dios por los pastores angloamericanos y afroamericanos, los líderes de sus iglesias y las congregaciones, porque vieron una oportunidad para extender el Reino de Dios sobre otras culturas y naciones en su área, utilizando sus edificios. Esta es una ganancia significativa para nuestro Señor Jesucristo quien murió para buscar y salvar a los perdidos. Estoy seguro que estamos agradando a Dios, quien tiene un corazón para los perdidos, y que nos ha llamado y colocado estratégicamente para convertir las orillas de las calles en orillas donde hayan iglesias que estén rescatando a los perdidos sin Dios.

Es mi oración que más puertas se sigan abriendo en otros edificios de iglesias americanas, para seguir plantando iglesias hispanas, y así alcanzar a todas las gentes para Cristo Jesús. Isaías 53:11 dice: "Vera el fruto de la aflicción de su alma, y quedará satisfecho; por su conocimiento justificará mi siervo justo a muchos, y llevará las iniquidades de ellos." La Biblia dice también en 1 Corintios 3:9 "Porque nosotros somos colaboradores de Dios..." Sigamos colaborando con Dios al seguir predicando el evangelio a otras culturas y naciones en nuestro medio y ver el fruto de la aflicción de nuestro amado Señor Jesús.

Pastores de habla ingles de las iglesias americanas, junto con sus miembros; tienen testimonios maravillosos que contar y experiencias para compartir acerca de lo que han visto suceder en sus edificios, al ser estaciones de salvación para comunidades hispanas en sus ciudades y pueblos. Gloria a Dios!

En las Escrituras leemos: "...y los reunidos eran como ciento veinte en número)..." Hechos 1:15. "... y se añadieron aquel día como tres mil personas." Hechos 2:41. "...Y el Señor añadía cada día a la iglesia los que habían de ser salvos." Hechos 2:47. "...y el número de los varones era como cinco mil." Hechos 4:4. "Y los que creían en el Señor aumentaban más, gran número así de hombres como de mujeres..." Hechos 5:14.

Ves lo que yo veo en estos pasajes? Yo veo varias cosas: Veo un movimiento de personas; también veo almas, personas que están siendo salvadas, pero otra cosa que veo son lugares, sitios específicos donde están sucediendo las cosas. Así que veo personas, acción y lugares. Es mi oración y mi visión ver cada iglesia con su edificio, siendo utilizadas como misiones de rescate y estaciones para la salvación de almas en la comunidad hispana y otras naciones que viven en nuestros vecindarios. Vamos por ellos!

Jesús vino a buscar y salvar lo que se había perdido, esa debe ser la característica de la iglesia.

RESCUE MISSIONS AND SOUL SAVING STATIONS

A few days ago I heard our bishop share the word that God spoke to his heart about lost souls, and what we have to do to go for them and rescue them. Jesus said of himself, describing the purpose of his coming: "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). That is the main reason why the local church exists in any city or town: "Seek and save the lost men and women."

Our conference has been the instrument of God to preach the gospel to thousands of Hispanic people, many of whom have been saved, and now their destiny is eternity with Christ. One of the main ways this has happened is through the use of the buildings that Anglo and African-American churches are providing for the worship of God and discipleship of believers of the Hispanic community.

Let me share some statistics, to praise the Lord together for what He has done, and to encourage other leaders and members of churches to open their doors to continue to be rescue missions and stations for the salvation of souls of nations living in the United States and especially in North Carolina.

Currently there are 67 Hispanic churches in the conference. Thirty-four of these churches are now doing their outreach ministry, worship and discipleship, using American church buildings with congregations that meet in these buildings. Eighteen of the current Hispanic churches started and met in American church buildings; today they have their own building or are renting one. Currently there are 17 Hispanic churches that have bought and have their own building. According to yearly statistics, 2009 closed with 3,762 members in the Hispanic churches in our conference.

Using these statistics, we can see how your churches with their buildings have been rescue stations for the salvation of souls. We praise God for that! We praise God for Anglos and African-American pastors, leaders of their churches and congregations, because they saw an opportunity to extend the Kingdom of God in other cultures and nations in their area, using their buildings. This is a significant gain for our Lord Jesus Christ, who died to seek and save the lost. I am sure we are pleasing God, who has a heart for the lost and who has called us and placed strategically to make the side of the roads into sides where there are churches that are rescuing the lost, who are without God.

I pray that more doors still keep open in other buildings in American churches, to keep planting Hispanic churches, and so to reach all nations for Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:11 says, "He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities." The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 3:9, "For we are God's fellow workers…" Let us work with God to continue to preach the gospel to other cultures and nations in our area and see the fruit of the suffering of our dear Lord Jesus.

English-speaking pastors in American churches, together with their members, have wonderful testimony to tell and experiences to share about what they have seen happen in their buildings, to be stations of salvation for Hispanic communities in their cities and towns. Glory to God!

In the Scripture we read: "…Altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty…" (Acts 1:15). "...And that day about three thousand souls were added to them…" (Acts 2:41). "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). "...And the number of the men came to be about five thousand" (Acts 4:4). "And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women…" (Acts 5:14).

Do you see what I see in these passages? I see several things: I see movements of people; I also see souls, people who are being saved, but another thing I see is places, specific sites where things are happening, so I see people, actions and places. It is my prayer and my vision to see every church with a building being used as a rescue mission and stations for the salvation of souls in the Hispanic community and other nations living in our neighborhoods. Let's go for them!

Jesus came to seek and save what was lost. That must be the distinction of the church that is rescuing souls.

Departments of Evangelism and World Missions

J. Danny Nelson, Director

"Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty!"

A True Friend

by Rocio Pitti, Missionary to Honduras

I have had many Christian friends, but I had never experienced true friendship. I am a member of Northwood Temple Church in Fayetteville, N.C. In 1994, the Missions director at the time, Cecille Booth, invited me to go on a Missions trip to Costa Rica. I had no idea that this would be the beginning of a beautiful friendship. This trip changed my life completely, although I didn't know I was going to become a missionary one day. Cecille and I continue to have a delightful friendship, reminiscing about memories we have shared. I remember her telling me, "Rocio, I am going to be your friend whether you want to be my friend or not!" She became my mentor, my big sister, and the one person that saw the best in me.

In 1999, I was diagnosed with bipolar depression, and for me this was devastating. I couldn't come to grips with this situation that I was faced with, because I knew God was calling me to Missions. However, Cecille was there with me through all the difficult times, supporting and helping me overcome. I am neither the first nor the last person to live with this condition. Cecille showed me the true sense of the word "friendship." A friend is that person who is there to listen, not criticize you. Cecille always told me, "I am going to tell you the truth, not what you want to hear." For me that is a true friend. And that is why I want to share with you the following story…

On my first Missions trip to Honduras, I met a young woman named, Lizeth. She assisted me with the children while I was teaching. One day she asked to speak with me, but the Holy Spirit had already revealed what the conversation was to be about. I looked into her eyes and implored, "Why have you not forgiven yourself, if He has already forgiven you?"

We spoke for a while, and then we prayed together. At the end of that trip, we cried tears of sadness as we said goodbye. The following year, I returned to Honduras and found Lizeth yet again. This was the beginning of a great friendship. We were able to fellowship and talk about all the things that had happened during the year that I had been gone. After I left Honduras on this trip, I found out that Lizeth was pregnant and was not married. The following year, I took maternity clothes and baby clothes to Lizeth. She was so embarrassed to see me because of what she had done, but I could not and would not judge her. My place was to love her as my sister in Christ. That was the last time I saw Lizeth, but I knew I would return to Honduras as a missionary one day. I told all of them to just keep praying. In 2007, I returned to Honduras as a missionary and located Lizeth, and the friendship that had begun five years before had continued to flourish.

Lizeth was now a single mother of a four-year-old daughter named Abi. She stills sees in me that friend in whom she can confide all of her secrets without feeling condemned or criticized. And God blessed Lizeth with a young Christian man who fell in love with her and proposed marriage to her. On October 25, 2008, Lizeth was married. Daniel had the honor of conducting the ceremony, and I had the honor of being the godmother for the bride.

Looking back, I see what Cecille instilled in me those many years ago: that unconditional love which blossomed into a friendship. And that gift offers me the opportunity to share this with other women who aspire to have true friends who love them without preconditions.

A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you today, just the way you are.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil, for if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

New Evangelistic Outreach Ministry at Warsaw PH Church

Approximately four years ago, Warsaw PH Church began to look at how it could have a greater impact evangelistically through social outreach ministry. What first began as an active CD outreach ministry has now evolved into something far greater than we ever envisioned. We are involved in seven new works in our church: 1) Discovery Group Ministry; 2) Website Ministry; 3) Choir Ministry; 4) Green Mile Ministry; 5) Nursing Home Visitation Ministry; 6) 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Prayer Warrior Ministry; and 7) DVD Ministry.

In April 2009, the church began a new DVD outreach ministry that gave some of our own members the opportunity to minister for God in the nursing homes and health care facilities in which they resided. These facilities are Skilled Creations, Mary Gran, Southwood (Clinton), Sunbridge (Mount Olive), Cashwell Developmental Center (Kinston), and Bethesda (Fayetteville). There is at least one church member or immediate family member at each one of these facilities. There is follow-up visitation on a consistent basis, not only by family members but also by individuals and church visitation teams, by both young and old alike. One of our key leaders in social outreach ministry is Ms. Betty Brock, a resident at Bethesda. Sister Betty loves her church and was a faithful church worker down through the years; she now finds great joy in continuing to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Her ministry group has grown to about 25 people on average each week.

Another important leader is Mr. Gordon Blackburn, a soft-spoken man and veteran of World War II. This faithful soldier was awarded three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a host of other commendation medals during his service to our great country. Brother Gordon averages 15-20 a week at Mary Gran.

At Cashwell, our largest facility, there is a 300-acre campus with more than 100 buildings, 1,634 employees and 430 residents. Jeff Kornegay is our special resident at this facility. When we first started ministry here, the regular attendance was 30 people each week. A couple of months later we wanted to salvage and redistribute these older DVDs and learned that the chaplain and dorm leaders had already started redistributing them throughout the facility. What a joy it was to learn through officials that we were now reaching over 100 people each week!

The DVD video consists of systematic Bible study in the 9:00 a.m. service. It also has a segment of praise and worship, in addition to the 11:00 worship service with the church choir, special singing and the morning message.

Once the question was asked, "How much do you think any of these individuals are able to comprehend?" Early on in this ministry that question was answered by a young lady who obviously had many limitations. She said in a broken voice, "I need that; it helps me."

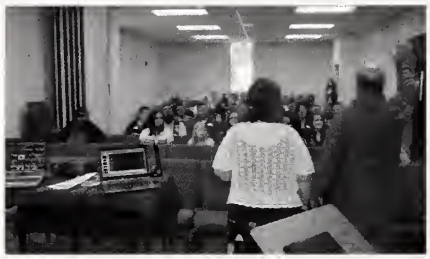
In James 1:27, the Bible declares pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

The people of Warsaw Pentecostal Holiness Church count it not only a blessing but a privilege to carry the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ to these precious souls and to minister for God in this capacity. Pray for us as we continue to strive to do ministry in Jesus' name and for His glory!

MISSION:M25
MINISTRY OF HOPE

MINISTRY NEWS...

Mission: M25 Spring Meeting—May 24, 2010—God is moving in M25 people all around the N.C. Conference! For the first time ever, there were six conferences represented at the celebration in Falcon. To God be the glory! The presence of the Lord was so inviting as we entered into an atmosphere of worship with the anointed praise team of Redemption Healing Church in Fayetteville and soloist Kim Barfield from Kingdom Place of Lumberton. Tim Blackburn from The Life Center/St. Paul's stirred our spirits as he spoke from his heart about serving in several ways to those who have been broken. It's real-life ministry to real-life people. M25 National Director Rev. Gary Burd gave a dynamic word as he spoke of David encouraging himself in the Lord (1 Samuel 30). It is good to take heed to this word...Selah! Well done to all, and Praise God!



In M25 ministry, it is vital that we stay encouraged. M25 ministers to those who minister to the ones in prison or jail, the homeless or hungry, those in rehabilitation or recovery, and also the biker ministry. Tommy and I encourage you to read Matthew 25, and connect with M25 if you serve in these areas. Everyone is welcome at our next meeting in November. It is our pleasure working with dedicated servants of God through M25. To God is the Glory! N.C. M25 e-mail: todo4jesus@yahoo.com.

Stay Blessed!
Pastors Tommy and Donna Hendrix

M25 WORKSHOP

November 20, 2010 10:00am-1:30pm

Two separate trainings will be made available:

- Mr. Gary Whaley will be speaking on the subject of ***prayer shawl ministry***. Brother Whaley has been a faithful member of The First Church/Goldsboro for 17 years. He is the M25 coordinator there, and under his direction the church has four active M25 outreaches, including a prayer shawl ministry, which began six months ago.
- Mr. Woody Inman will be conducting a training on several different ***Christian recovery/rehabilitation programs***. Mr. Inman has worked with Hope Harbor Christian Home for Alcoholics, and now works with Myrover-Reese Men's Recovery Home. He has served in the recovery field for a number of years. In addition, his wife is a licensed professional in the same field and will be working with him.

Pastors and M25 coordinators will be receiving more details and registration information shortly. If you have any questions, please contact Tommy or Donna Hendrix, N.C. Conference M25 coordinators, at todo4jesus@yahoo.com.

GLOBAL OUTREACH UPDATE

As of this article, we have received

$283,600

in offerings and pledges; that's *88%* of our 2010 goal of

$320,000

However, in order to be credited toward that goal for 2010, please make sure to get your pledges/offerings in to our office by December 10. Thank you for your promotion and support of World Missions and Global Outreach.

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I Stand Amazed

By Jon S. Oliver, Director of NC Discipleship Ministries

This year's youth night at camp meeting was such a tremendous event! In years past, youth night had been held on the Saturday night before the last night of camp meeting. This year, because we knew that most of our conference's youth ministries meet regularly on Wednesday nights, we asked Bishop Whitfield if we could move youth night from that Saturday night to Wednesday night. He graciously agreed. I thank God for a bishop who values young people and supports youth ministry!

We—a group of youth pastors, the DM Council, my secretary, and I—started planning and laying out all the details. We wanted it to be a big "back-to-school" event with an atmosphere of excitement and even some big giveaways. On the day of the event, Sarah (my secretary) asked me how many registration cards she should print. My desire was to walk in faith, but also to be realistic and be a good steward of our resources. Over the last few years, due to various reasons, youth night had been declining. I wanted to believe for a great crowd. I had even told our guest evangelist, Matt Pitt, that we were anticipating a thousand. This may not seem like a big deal to some of you, but I had seen the real numbers from the previous few years and was a bit nervous. I had Sarah make 600 registration cards, and we prayed for God's will to be done.

By 6:15, youth groups and churches started arriving, and by 7:00, the Tabernacle was filling up. There was such a great atmosphere from beginning to end. A drama team led by Mario Hernandez opened the service with a skit, and then Eduardo Gonzalez and the praise band he had assembled led the praise and worship. Both the praise band and the drama team were so talented and anointed. The Spirit was definitely moving in the sanctuary.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Matt Pitt from The Basement and Whosoever Ministries in Birmingham, Alabama. His message was powerful and challenging. He spoke to our young people and adults about taking a stand for Jesus Christ. At the conclusion of his message, he asked for people to come to the altar if they were ready to get serious about their relationship with Jesus Christ. The altar and aisles were immediately flooded by the response. I stood and wept, knowing that God was doing an incredible work.

We did a number of new things this year that were very well received and successful. We were able to give a free laptop computer to one youth, and a football signed by David Garrard (the quarterback of the Jacksonville Jaguars) to another youth. Also, we blessed one of our youth leaders with a gift certificate to Ruth's Chris Steakhouse.

And did I mention that there were right at a thousand people present?

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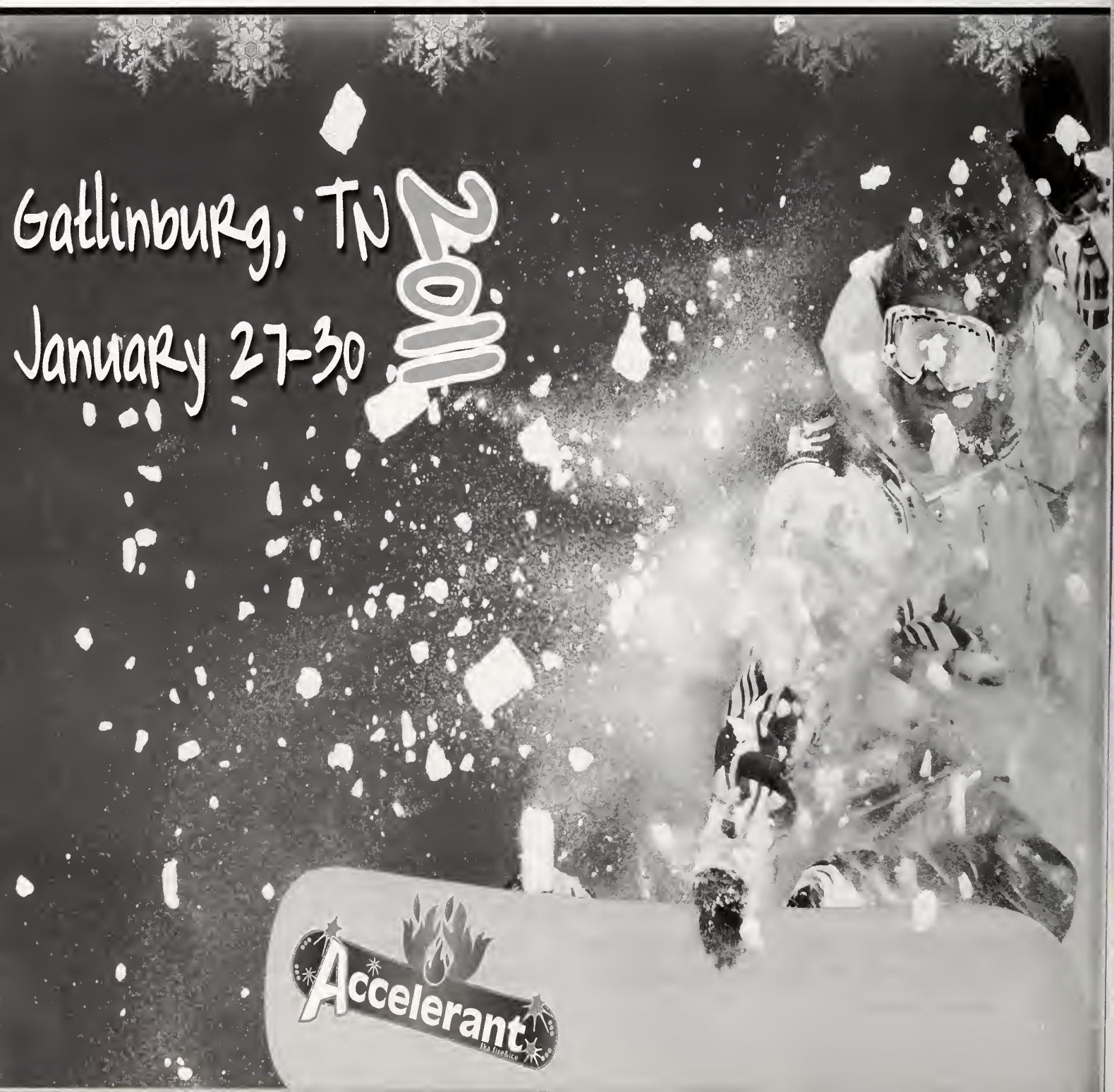
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